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# ***INTRODUCTION***

## **INTRODUCTION**

Labour refers to the onset of effective uterine contractions leading to progressive effacement and dilatation of the cervix resulting in expulsion of the fetus, placenta and the membranes.

Around 20% of all deliveries are preceded by labour induction, a proportion that has not varied dramatically over recent years. Fetal death was the only indication for labour induction centuries ago. While this is now a very rare indication with prolonged pregnancy and maternal hypertensive disorders being the major indications for the last 50 – 60 years.

Techniques for inducing labour have also changed from dietary delicacies and verbal threats giving way to physical stimulation mainly achieved by cervical stretching and amniotomy and more recently to pharmacologic manipulation using oxytocin and prostaglandins. Relaxin, antiprogestins, nitric oxide have also been explored in recent years.

Measurement of fetal fibronectin in cervical mucus, maternal serum nitrite/nitrate concentrations, ultrasound delineation of cervical form and electrical impedance measurements across the cervix are all being investigated.

Most methods of inducing labour before the last half century involved mechanical manipulations including Galvanism, repeated pressurized douches, extra amniotic aqua piece, tents, bougies and catheters.

A number of folkloric or old wives tales are still used today by women to encourage their labour to start. Among the more common approaches are frequent walking, vaginal intercourse, participating in heavy exercise, consumption of laxatives, spicy foods or herbal tea, nipple stimulation and administration of an enema (Schaffir 2002).

During the past 40 years, labour induction has mostly involved continuing the recognized advantages of physical manipulation with a pharmacological myometrial stimulant. Post term or prolonged pregnancy is the commonest indication in many units.

Hypertensive states constitute the second most common indication for labour induction because of anticipated maternal or fetal problems. Nowadays, oligohydramnios, GDM, PROM and anomalous fetus are other indications.

Obstetricians consider that cervical state should determine the timing of delivery. Labour induction is not without its risks for the mother and particularly for the fetus. Inadvertent delivery of a pre term baby has been largely eliminated by the widespread use of ultrasound assessment of gestation. The search for an induction method that modulates the unfavourable to favourable cervix without stimulating uterine contractions which improves the ultimate outcome of labour almost eliminating the risk to the fetus remains the Holy Grail.



## **AIM OF THE STUDY**

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- ❖ To assess the effectiveness of intracervical Foley's balloon catheter versus prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>gel for ripening of the cervix and inducing labour.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- ❖ To study the effect on cervical ripening.
- ❖ To study the effect on labour induction.
- ❖ To see whether oxytocin augmentation needed.
- ❖ To see the outcome of labour.
- ❖ To assess the fetal and maternal outcome.
- ❖ To see the difference in response between primipara and multipara.

# REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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The need to time delivery has been recognized and practised for centuries.  
Although the indicators have clearly changed during the past two hundred years

from a need to expel a dead fetus to preemptive action to reduce the threat to fetal or maternal health, effective and safe methods of achieving delivery must be the primary objective.

- ❖ Castor oil a potent cathartic which date back to ancient Egypt used to stimulate labour.
- ❖ Nipple stimulation as a method of cervical ripening and labour induction.
- ❖ Membrane stripping was initially suggested in 1810 by James Hamilton.
- ❖ Massage of the Uterus in 1820 by Ulsamer to induce labour.
- ❖ Egg plant parmesan, herbs oregano and Basil suggested to have stimulated uterine contractions.
- ❖ Sex to induce labour by means of the prostaglandins in semen.
- ❖ Acupuncture / Acupressure by ancient Chinese on two points – Four finger widths above the inner ankle of calf and the webbing between thumb and forefinger.

- ❖ Laminaria tent used by Wilson in 1865. They are made from a seaweed root dried. When inserted in the cervix, they gradually swell several times by absorbing moisture from the cervix. Thus, the

dilatation process is safe, gradual and painless without harm to the cervix and the cavity becomes softened and enlarged.

- ❖ Extra amniotic fluid was used to induce labour by Cohen in 1846.
- ❖ Scanzoni used a hot carbolic acid douche in 1856.
- ❖ Kraus introduced bougies, fell into disuse due to high sepsis rate.
- ❖ Schreiber in 1843 stimulated labour electrically.
- ❖ Artificial rupture of the membranes being first used by Denman in 1756 and known as the English method.
- ❖ Pitocin extracted from the posterior pituitary gland in 1906. Blair Bell described its application in the pregnant uterus in 1909. Its use for induction of labour was first reported by Theobald in 1952. In 1968, Turnbull and Anderson introduced the titration method for oxytocin administration.
- ❖ Prostaglandin first isolated from seminal fluid of monkeys, sheep and goat by Ulf Von Ehler.
- ❖ Elias corey synthesized dinoprostone in 1970. In 1971, Karim and Sharma reported the results of labour at term with the use of oral PGE<sub>2</sub>.

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In 1975, Alder and Embrey gave PGE<sub>2</sub> extra amniotically. In 1977, Mellour et al, Wilson gave PGE<sub>2</sub> intravaginally. In 1980, Hefni and Louis gave PGE<sub>2</sub> intracervically.

- ❖ Buccellato<sup>1</sup>, in 2000, compared 50µg misoprostol with extra amniotic saline and gave similar outcomes.
- ❖ Karim and his colleagues in Uganda, noted that PGF2α appeared in amniotic fluid during labour.
- ❖ An interesting observation noted by Howie was that women receiving intravenous prostaglandin E2 or F2α for induction of labour exhibited oxytocin levels in the plasma similar to women in the late first stage of spontaneous labour.
- ❖ Extra amniotic saline infusion by balloon catheters was attributed to Barnes in 1863. In 1998, Hemlin and Muller reported catheter infusion to be more efficacious.

## **CERVICAL RIPENING**

The cervix has to play a dual role in human reproduction. During pregnancy, it should be firm and closed allowing the fetus to grow in utero until

functional maturity is attained. During labour, it should soften and dilate, allowing the fetus to pass through the birth canal. The process by which the cervix becomes soft, compliant and partially dilated is termed 'cervical ripening'. Cervical ripening is due to combination of biochemical, endocrine, mechanical and possible inflammatory events. The increasing myometrial contractility seen with advancing gestation plays a vital role in the effacement of the cervix.

Structurally, the cervix is composed of collagen, as opposed to the myometrium, which predominantly consists of smooth muscle. The cervix is predominantly composed of types I(66%) and III (33%). The firmness of the cervix in the non-pregnancy state is mainly due to the properties of these collagen fibrils, which are bound together tightly in the form of bundles. These bundles in turn are embedded in ground substance consisting of proteoglycans.

In the cervix, the main glycosaminoglycans are dermatan sulphate and chondroitin sulphate, both of which are negatively charged and hydrophobic. Hence, they repel water and are responsible for the firmness of the cervix. They facilitate the optimum orientation of the collagen fibrils, enhancing the mechanical strength of the cervix.

Cervix loses its firmness in late pregnancy and becomes soft and compliant. During labour, it further loses its elasticity, viscosity and plasticity. Towards term, the glycosaminoglycan concentration of the cervix alters and the dermatan and chondroitin sulphates are replaced by hyaluronic acid, which has different

physiochemical properties. Hyaluronic acid is hydrophilic and imbibes water. Accumulation of water within the substance of the cervix destabilizes the collagen fibrils, contributing to cervical ripening. This increase in the water content also decreases the effective concentration of collagen in the cervix, though the total content of collagen increases at term. Furthermore, the accumulation of water in between the collagen fibrils has a scattering or dispersing effect, resulting in reduced mechanical strength.

There are various enzymes which also promote collagen remodelling. Collagenase is an enzyme that breaks down collagen types I, II and III and is produced by both the fibroblasts and leucocytes. Leucocyte elastase is another enzyme that can break down elastin, collagen and proteoglycans. The levels of these enzymes are found to increase with advancing gestation and are associated with progressive decline in the concentration of cervical collagen. Prostaglandins have been shown to have a direct effect on the production of procollagenase, which is a precursor of collagenase. This may explain why the administration of intracervical prostaglandins (both PGE<sub>2</sub> and PGF<sub>2</sub>α) produces cervical changes in women. Invitro studies have shown that prostaglandins have the capacity to increase the production of glycosaminoglycans from fibroblasts in culture.

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The sex steroids, oestrogen and progesterone play a opposing role with regard to the cervix during pregnancy. Progesterone prevents cervical ripening during pregnancy. The progesterone antagonist mifepristone has been found to cause cervical ripening in women undergoing termination of pregnancy.



Concentration of relaxin in the human cervix increases towards late pregnancy and when applied locally, relaxin induced cervical ripening in most cases. Relaxin also increases the production and secretion of collagenases from the amnion. It appears that stimulation of prostaglandins during labour is its main mechanism of action.

### **FACTORS THAT AFFECT CERVICAL RIPENING**

| <b>Factor</b>  | <b>Mechanism of Action</b>  |
|--|---|
| <b>a. Changes in ground substance (glycosaminoglycans)</b> | <b>Increase the water content of the cervix and cause scattering and dispersion of collagen. Increase formation of immature collagen.</b> |
| <b>b. Enzymes and inflammatory mediators</b>               | <b>Increase collagen breakdown and remodelling.</b>   |

### **CHANGES OCCURRING IN THE CERVIX AND THE MYOMETRIUM**

|   | <b>CERVIX</b>                    | <b>MYOMETRIUM</b>   |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>PRE-PREGNANCY/<br/>EARLY PREGNANCY</b> | <b>Firm</b>                      | <b>Quiescent</b>    |
| <b>PRELABOUR</b>                          | <b>Ripens</b>                    | <b>Excitable</b>    |
| <b>LABOUR</b>                             | <b>Effacement and Dilatation</b> | <b>Contractions</b> |

### **THE MYOMETRIAL CONTRACTILITY**

Myometrium is mainly composed of bundles of interlacing smooth muscle fibres with sparse connective tissue. During pregnancy, the myometrium has to relax and distend to allow the growth of the fetus in utero to attain functional

maturity before expulsion. During prelabour, the excitability of myometrium increases. Finally during labour, there are efficient, strong and progressive myometrial contractions.

The development of gap junctions which allow communication between adjacent cells is one of the earliest changes occurring during the process of prelabour. Myometrial gap junctions begin to increase before term and their number becomes significantly higher during labour and falls rapidly in the postpartum period. Oestrogen and prostaglandins induce the formation of gap junctions and progesterone inhibits it. Oxytocin does not have the ability to induce the formation of gap junctions and cannot stimulate the myometrium in the absence of gap junctions.

The fundamental process involved in all the myometrial contractions is actin-myosin interaction. Myosin is the principle protein of muscle contraction and the process is dependent on calcium. Myometrial contraction is an active process requiring energy in the form of ATP.

### **NATURAL ONSET OF LABOUR**

Many factors, mechanical, maternal, extrinsic as well as fetal, contribute to the onset of labour. The precise trigger and mechanism of initiation of the process of parturition however still remains elusive. In many species, activation of the fetal hypothalamic, pituitary, adrenal axis occurs and a surge in fetal cortisol level

precedes the onset of labour. Cortisol induces P450 C17 enzymes like  $17\alpha$ -hydroxylase in the placenta which catalyse the conversion of progesterone to androgens, which are in turn converted by placental aromatase system to estrogens. Fetal cortisol is also believed to be responsible for the rising levels of lecithin in liquor amnii, which are associated with the final maturation of the lung alveoli in preparation for extra-uterine respiration.

A fall in maternal progesterone level is a prerequisite for parturition in most mammals, which is achieved either by increased conversion of progesterone to estrogens in the placenta. Though there is no apparent fall in the maternal progesterone levels in humans, there seems to be a functional block due to the presence of an endogenous antiprogesterin, which may be the fetal cortisol, as its secretion from the fetal adrenal increases markedly at the end of the pregnancy. Cortisol has also shown to compete with the action of progesterone in the regulation of corticotropin releasing hormone gene in primary cultures of human placenta, which is expressed in human placenta at the end of gestation and has been suggested to be involved in the timing of the onset of labour.

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The rising oestrogen/progesterone ratio, as a result, increases the local prostaglandin production in the uterine tissues and enhances the sensitivity of the myometrium to increased expression of several uterine action proteins which include the oxytocin receptors, the prostaglandin receptors, primary gap junction protein and prostaglandin endoperoxide H synthetase. Evidence is growing that instead of an actual rise in the oxytocin and prostaglandin levels, it is probably the

increase in their receptors, which is essential and serve as the trigger for labour. Inhibition of these by specific antagonists has shown promise in inhibition of preterm labour.

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### **CERVICAL RIPENING METHODS**

Ripening agents are used to make an unfavourable cervix to a favourable one so that induction is started.

Known methods at present are:

- Breast stimulation

- Cervical dilators
  - ✓ Laminaria Tents
  - ✓ Lamicel

- Membrane stripping

- Hormonal
  - ✓ Estradiol gel
  - ✓ Relaxin gel

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- Mechanical dilatation
  - ✓ Extra amniotic Foley's balloon
  - ✓ Extra amniotic Foley's with saline infusion
- Mifepristone
- Prostaglandins

- ✓ PGE<sub>2</sub>
  - Intracervical / intravaginal
  - Suppository
  - Oral
- ✓ PGE<sub>1</sub> – Oral / Vaginal

### **PROSTAGLANDINS**

Prostaglandins are derivatives of prostanoic acid and act as local hormones. They are inactivated by a single passage through the pulmonary vascular bed. PGE<sub>2</sub> and PGF<sub>2α</sub> are the ones which have significant effect on the uterus and used for induction of abortion and labour. Recently, PGE<sub>1</sub> or misoprostol has found to be equally effective.

An interesting observation noted by Howie was that women receiving intravenous prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> or F<sub>2α</sub> for induction of labour exhibited oxytocin levels in the plasma similar to women in the first stage of spontaneous labour.

A major drawback of intravenous prostaglandin administration was the painful phlebitis that resulted. Among PGE<sub>2</sub> and PGF<sub>2α</sub>, PGE<sub>2</sub> had less severe systemic side effects like diarrhoea and vomiting.

Oral PGE<sub>2</sub> had frequent gastrointestinal side effects like vomiting and diarrhoea which limited its use. Local administration of PGE<sub>2</sub> has overcome the problem of systemic side effects to a large extent and with improved efficacy, has now become the standard method for ripening and induction of labour. Both intravaginal as well as intracervical PGE<sub>2</sub> have been shown to be more successful in achieving delivery within 24 hours, the benefit being more marked when used in women with unfavourable cervix and in those with intact membranes.

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Caution must be exercised when administering prostaglandins to patients with compromised cardiovascular, renal or hepatic function, asthmatics and those with raised intraocular pressure and glaucoma. Oxytocin infusion should not be started before 6 – 12 hours of PGE<sub>2</sub> administration to avoid hyper stimulation.

PGE<sub>2</sub> gel 2 mg intravaginal and 0.5 mg intracervical application were equally found to be effective in ripening the cervix.

**MECHANISM OF ACTION**

A. Mechanical Methods

In practice now are

Extra amniotic Foley's catheter

Extra amniotic saline infusion



They act by the following mechanism. The Foley's catheter produces a mechanical distension of the lower uterine segment. This may lead to activation of phospholipase A leading to formation of arachidonic acid which is later converted to prostaglandins.

### **Limitations**

Increased infection

Bleeding from the cervix

Not with ruptured membranes

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### **B. Pharmacologic Methods**

Local application of prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel increases the collagenases activity, ↓ the collagen content, increases the glycosaminoglycans like hyaluronic acid and dermatan sulphate which in turn softens the cervix and helps in effacement and dilatation. It is available in 2.5 ml. syringe and contains 0.5 mg of active drug.

### **Disadvantages**

Hyperstimulation syndrome

Fetal distress due to that

### **REQUISITES PRIOR TO INDUCTION**

✓ Preinduction scoring

Bishop's<sup>2</sup> scoring system used which is very much sensitive in predicting the success of labour.

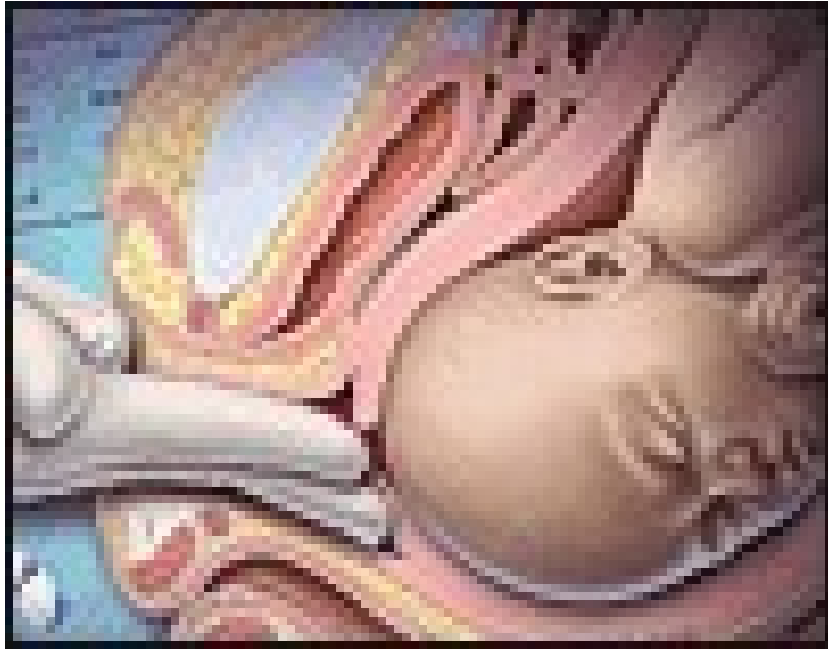
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### **BISHOP SCORE**

| <b>Factors</b>            | <b>0</b>         | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>        | <b>3</b>   |
|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| <b>Effacement (%)</b>     | <b>0 – 30%</b>   | <b>40 – 50%</b> | <b>60 – 70%</b> | <b>80%</b> |
| <b>Dilatation (in cm)</b> | <b>Closed</b>    | <b>1 – 2</b>    | <b>3 – 4</b>    | <b>5+</b>  |
| <b>Consistency</b>        | <b>Firm</b>      | <b>Medium</b>   | <b>Soft</b>     | <b>-</b>   |
| <b>Position</b>           | <b>Posterior</b> | <b>Midline</b>  | <b>Anterior</b> | <b>-</b>   |

| Station | -3 | -2 | -1, 0 | +1, +2 |
|---------|----|----|-------|--------|
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Bishop score <5 taken for induction in the study.



# **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

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The study is carried out at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Egmore, Chennai.

### **STUDY DESIGN**

Prospective randomized controlled study.

### **SAMPLE SIZE**

Each study 50

Determined by statistical analysis done using chi-square test and student 't' test which were used in appropriate places.

## **INCLUSION CRITERIA**

- ❖ Singleton pregnancies
- ❖ Cephalic presentation
- ❖ Term or post term pregnancies
- ❖ Bishop score <5
- ❖ Intact fetal membranes
- ❖ Absence of infection

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## **EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

- ❖ Malpresentation
- ❖ Multiple pregnancy
- ❖ Ruptured membranes
- ❖ Active Genital Infections
- ❖ Heart Disease
- ❖ Contracted Pelvis
- ❖ Previous scarred uterus

## **INDICATIONS FOR INDUCTION**

- ❖ Postdated pregnancies
- ❖ Preeclampsia

- ❖ Fetal growth restriction
- ❖ Oligohydramnios

The above four indications are taken in this study.

History taking from the patient included the last menstrual period, menstrual cycle regularity, past obstetric and medical history.

Clinical examination of the patient done. Vitals are examined. Anemia, pedal edema noted. Obstetric examination of the abdomen done. After correlating the history, clinical findings and previous ultrasound findings, according to the indication, patient selection for induction is done.

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After selecting the patients for study, their Bishop score was assessed by pelvic examination by evaluating the cervical consistency, effacement, position, dilatation and station of the presenting part. Major degrees of cephalopelvic disproportion ruled out.

### **CONTRAINDICATIONS FOR INDUCTION**

- Disproportion
- Malpresentation
- Tumors occupying the pelvis
- Major degree placenta previa
- Carcinoma cervix
- Active herpes, HIV infection

- Previous classical caesarean section

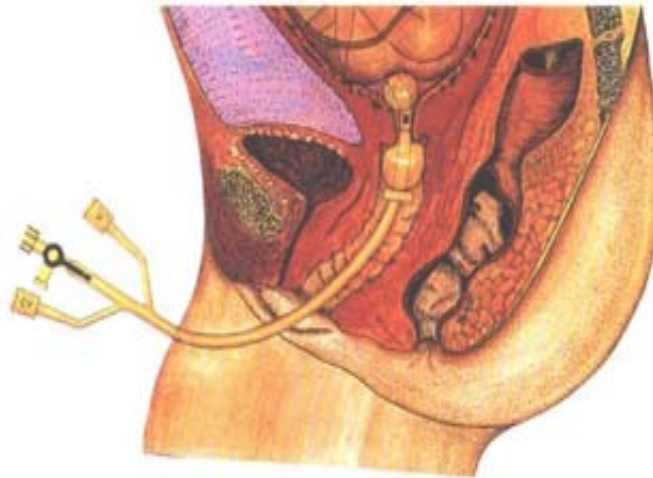
### **METHOD OF APPLICATION**

#### **Intracervical Foley's Catheter**

Patient is placed in 'lithotomy position', perineum and vagina are cleansed with betadine solution. No.16 foley's catheter is introduced into the endocervix by direct visualization or blindly by locating the cervix with the examining fingers and guiding the catheter over the hand and fingers through the endocervix and into the potential space between the amniotic membrane and lower uterine segment. The balloon reservoir is inflated with 30 – 40 ml of distilled water.

The balloon is retracted so that it rests on the internal os. The patient examined for the progress of labour. Bishop score reassessed after six hours, after removing the Foley's catheter. Cerviprime instillation required or low amniotomy followed by oxytocin augmentation are noted. All patients received prophylactic antibiotics. Two doses of injection ampicillin 1 gm after test dose eight hours apart given.

## **FOLEY's CATHETER INSERTION**



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### **Prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel instillation**

PGE<sub>2</sub> gel – Cerviprime gel which contains 0.5 mg of PGE<sub>2</sub> per 3 gm present in 2.5 ml prefilled syringe is used. Bring gel to room temperature before application. Monitor fetal heart rate and uterine activity continuously starting 15 to 30 minutes before gel introduction.

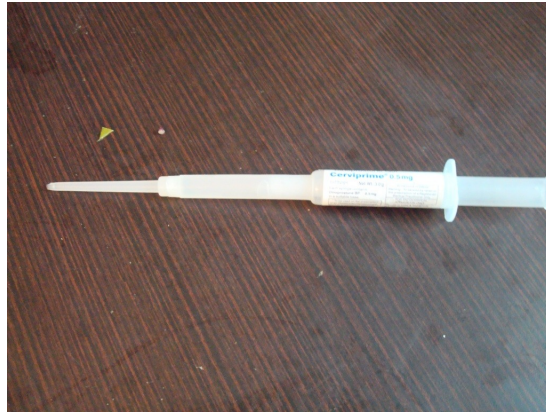
### **Introduce the gel into the cervix as follows**

Patient in lithotomy position, perineum and vagina cleaned with betadine. If the cervix is uneffaced, use 20 mm endocervical catheters to introduce the gel into the endocervix just below the level of the internal os, care taken not to injure the membranes. Patient to remain recumbent for 30 minutes after the procedure. Maximum recommended dosage is 1.5 mg (3 doses) in 24 hours.

Bishop score assessed after six hours after the procedure. If the cervix not favourable, then a second dose of gel applied. If the cervix favourable, low amniotomy done to hasten the labour and augmentation with oxytocin done. Partogram was used to monitor the progress of labour.



End points for ripening include strong uterine contractions, a bishop score  $\geq 8$  or a change in maternal or fetal status



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### **Monitoring required during Induction**

- Fetal heart rate
- Maternal pulse rate, temperature, blood pressure
- Frequency and duration of uterine, contractions. |

- Induction – labour interval

Interval between induction and response of uterus

- Induction – delivery interval

Interval between induction and end of 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of labour

Follow up period – 48 – 72 hours both mother and fetus.

They are carefully watched for any puerperal or neonatal infections.

### **Successful cervical ripening**

The definition of successful ripening was a change of four or more units in Bishop score within eight hours of starting the procedure.

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### **Successful induction**

If the patient entered the active phase of labour, effacement of 75% or more and cervical dilatation of 3 cm or more.

### **Primary Outcome**

Improvement in the Bishop score after induction and patient getting into active phase of labour.

### **Secondary outcome**

- Induction to delivery either vaginal or caesarean.
- Maternal and neonatal outcomes

**PARTOGRAM**

It is a graphic representation of the details of progress of labour together with information about fetal and maternal condition against time scale.

The components of the partogram:

1. Cervical dilatation in cm
2. Descent of the presenting part
3. Frequency and duration of uterine contractions
4. Fetal heart rate
5. Rupture of membranes and colour of amniotic fluid
6. Maternal pulse rate
7. Blood pressure
8. Urine output
9. Urine sugar
10. Drugs used and several other parameters

An alert line is drawn at the rate of expected progress that is 1 cm/hr. An action line is drawn parallel to alert line but two hours part. A normal cervicograph follows alert line or deviates to left. If labour is abnormal, then cervicograph deviates towards right or crosses the action line when definite action is needed.

## **OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS**

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**TABLE 1**

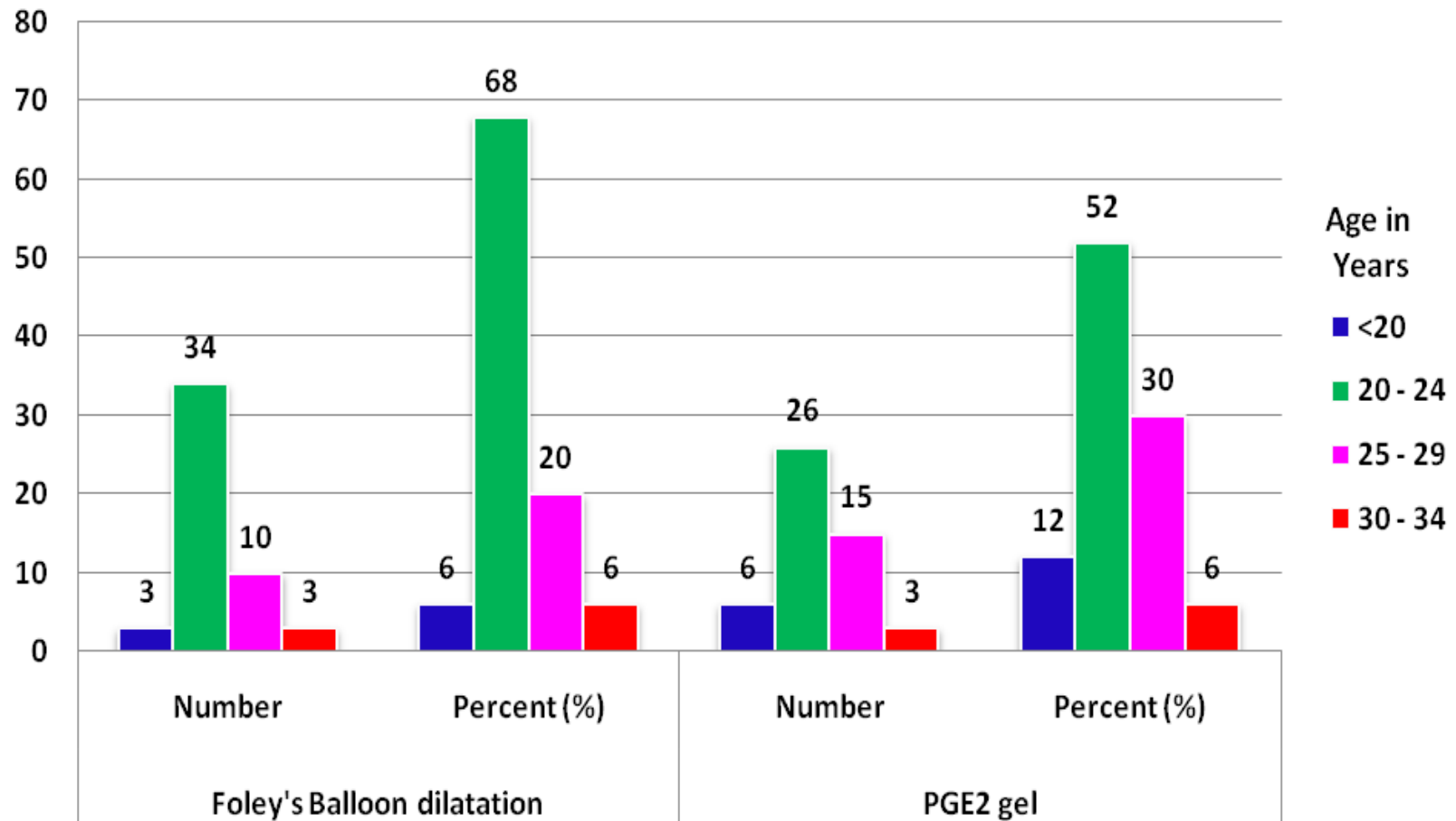
### **AGE DISTRIBUTION**

| <b>Age in<br/>years</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon<br/>dilatation</b> |                        | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                        | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
|                         | <b>Number</b>                         | <b>Percent<br/>(%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent<br/>(%)</b> |              |
| <b>&lt;20</b>           | <b>3</b>                              | <b>6</b>               | <b>6</b>        | <b>12</b>              | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>20 - 24</b>          | <b>34</b>                             | <b>68</b>              | <b>26</b>       | <b>52</b>              | <b>60</b>    |
| <b>25 - 29</b>          | <b>10</b>                             | <b>20</b>              | <b>15</b>       | <b>30</b>              | <b>25</b>    |
| <b>30 - 34</b>          | <b>3</b>                              | <b>6</b>               | <b>3</b>        | <b>6</b>               | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>50</b>                             | <b>100</b>             | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>             | <b>100</b>   |

Table shows the distribution of patients for age. Most of the patients age group fall between 20 – 24 years. There is no significant difference in the age group between the two groups.



## AGE DISTRIBUTION



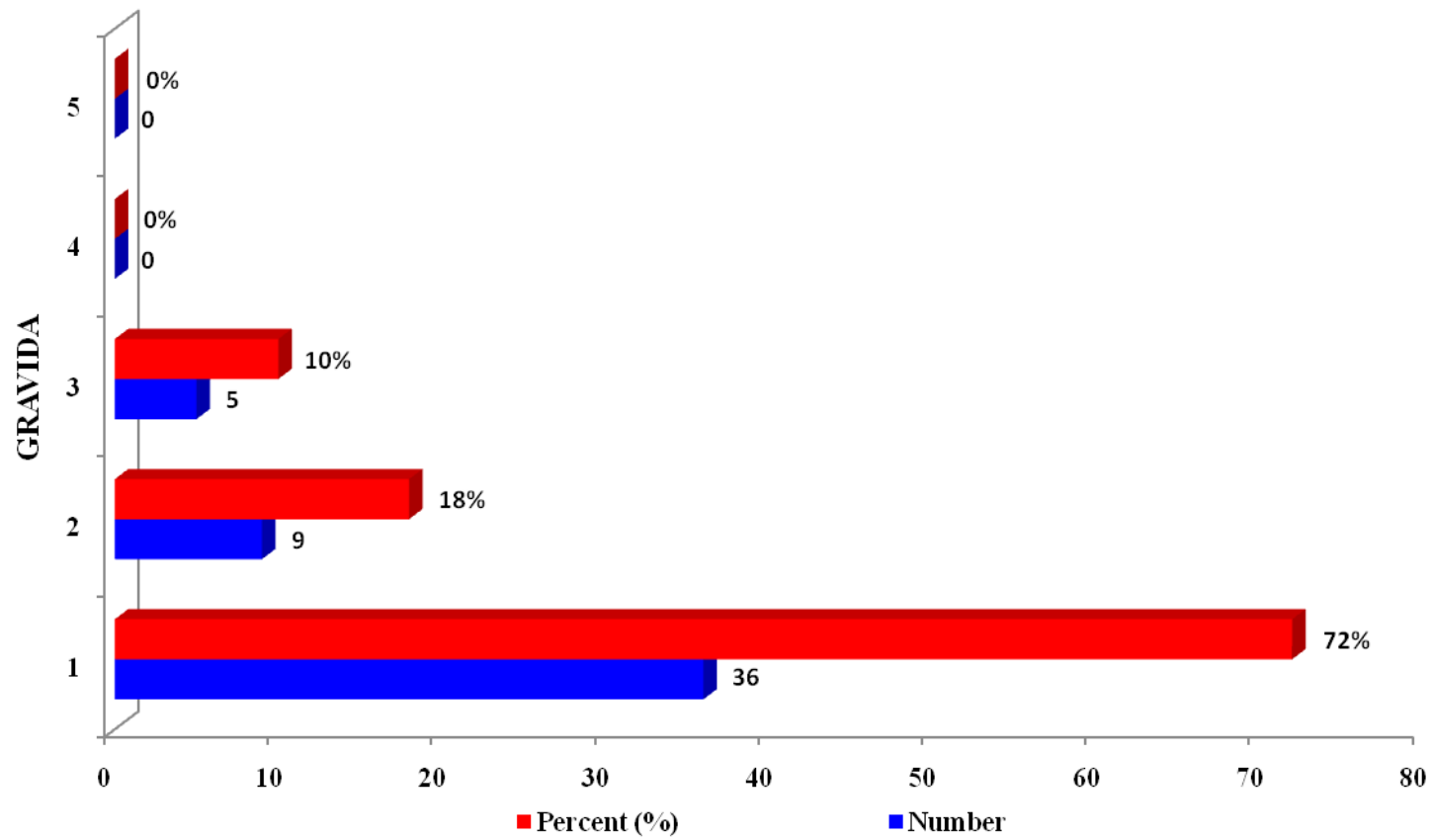
**TABLE 2****GRAVIDA**

| <b>Gravida</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>1</b>       | <b>36</b>                         | <b>72</b>          | <b>36</b>       | <b>72</b>          | <b>72</b>    |
| <b>2</b>       | <b>9</b>                          | <b>18</b>          | <b>8</b>        | <b>16</b>          | <b>17</b>    |
| <b>3</b>       | <b>5</b>                          | <b>10</b>          | <b>4</b>        | <b>8</b>           | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>4</b>       | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>           | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>           | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>5</b>       | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>           | <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>           | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

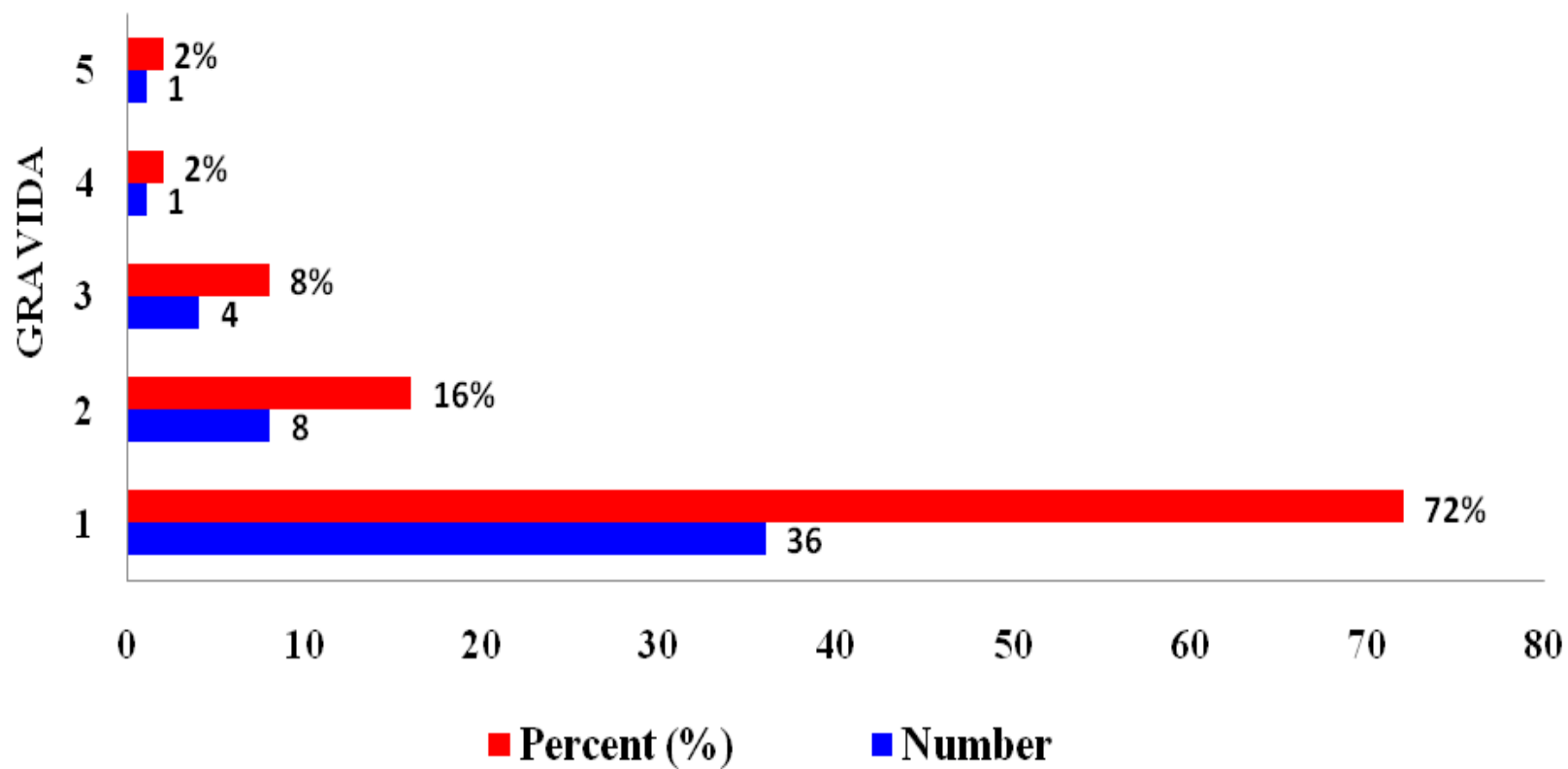
This is the table showing gravida distribution for Foley's balloon dilatation and prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel. In both Foley's dilatation and PGE<sub>2</sub> regimen. 72% were primigravida. 28% multigravida in both Foley's and PGE<sub>2</sub> regimen. There is no difference in the gravida distribution between the two groups.



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## PGE2 GEL



**TABLE 3**

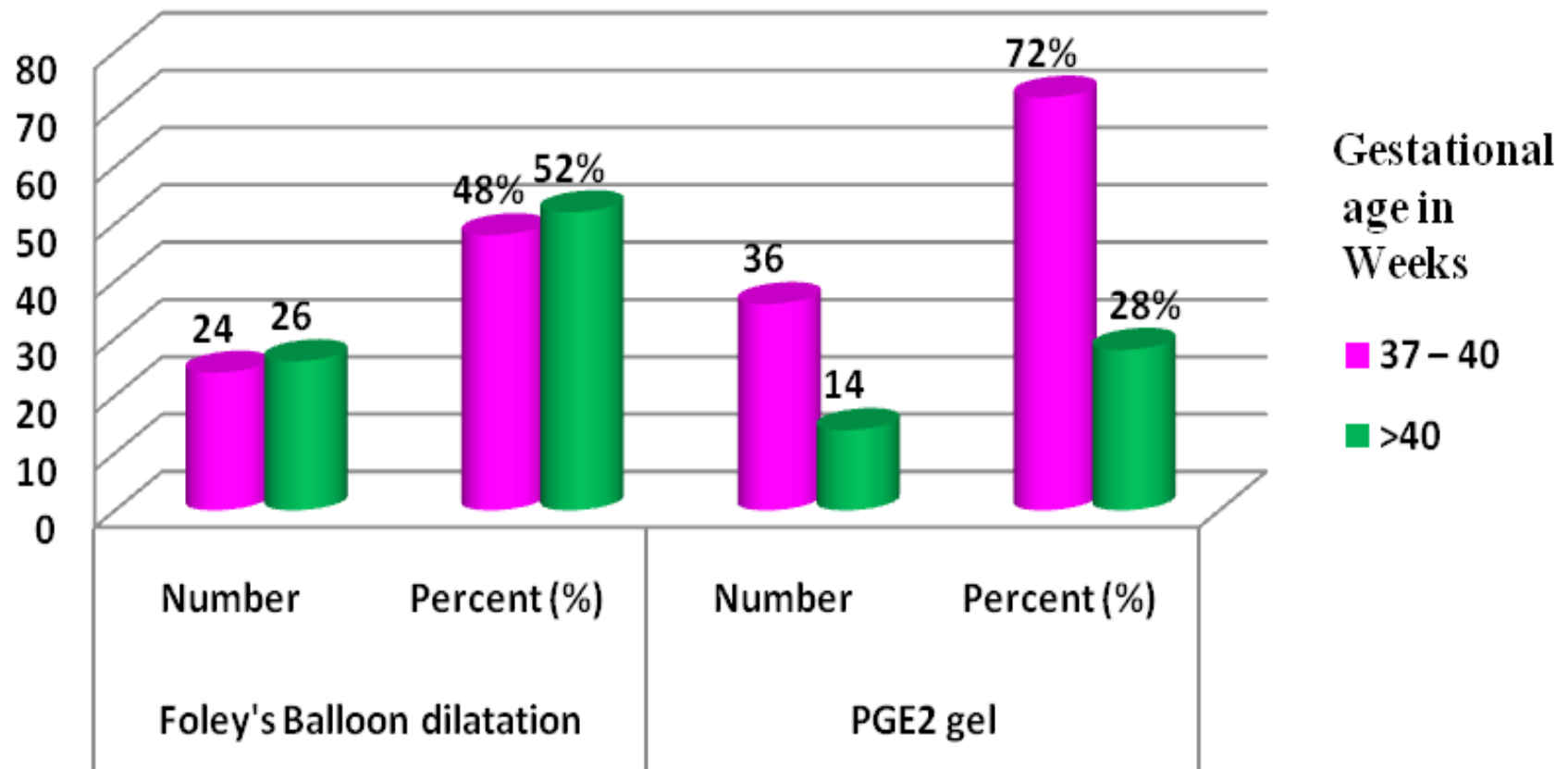
**GESTATIONAL AGE**

| <b>Gestational<br/>age in<br/>weeks</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon<br/>dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|   | <b>Number</b>                         | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>37 – 40</b>                          | <b>24</b>                             | <b>48</b>          | <b>36</b>       | <b>72</b>          | <b>60</b>    |
| <b>&gt;40</b>                           | <b>26</b>                             | <b>52</b>          | <b>14</b>       | <b>28</b>          | <b>40</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                            | <b>50</b>                             | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

Majority of patients in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel → 37 – 40 weeks of gestation (72%).

In Foley's balloon dilatation → equal distribution between 37 – 40 and >40 weeks  
28%.

## GESTATIONAL AGE



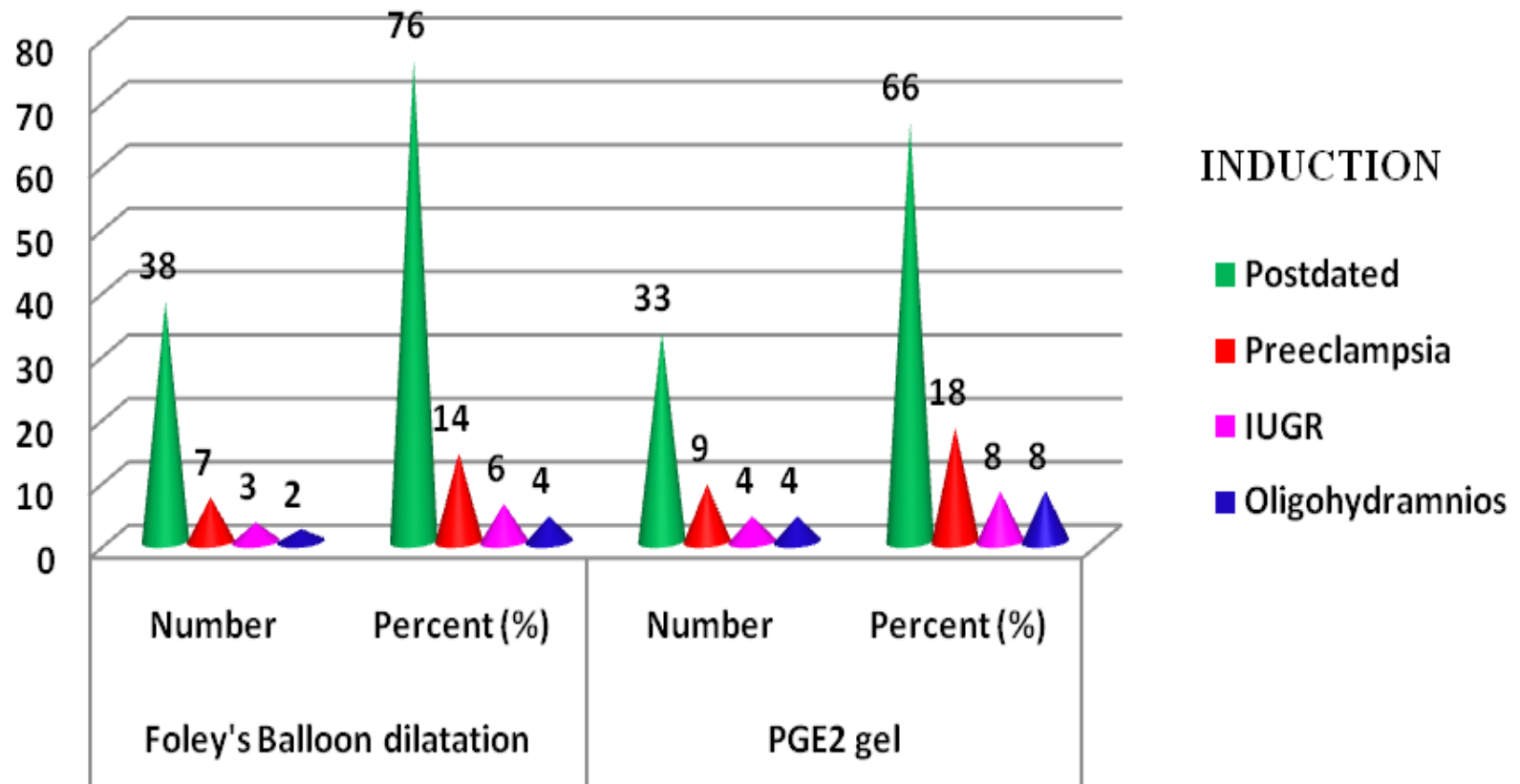
**TABLE 4**

**INDICATION FOR INDUCTION**

| <b>Indication</b>      | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                        | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>Postdated</b>       | <b>38</b>                         | <b>76</b>          | <b>33</b>       | <b>66</b>          | <b>71</b>    |
| <b>Preeclampsia</b>    | <b>7</b>                          | <b>14</b>          | <b>9</b>        | <b>18</b>          | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>IUGR</b>            | <b>3</b>                          | <b>6</b>           | <b>4</b>        | <b>8</b>           | <b>7</b>     |
| <b>Oligohydramnios</b> | <b>2</b>                          | <b>4</b>           | <b>4</b>        | <b>8</b>           | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

Postdatism was the commonest indication in both study groups. Both groups had similar indication for induction of labour.

## INDICATION FOR INDUCTION



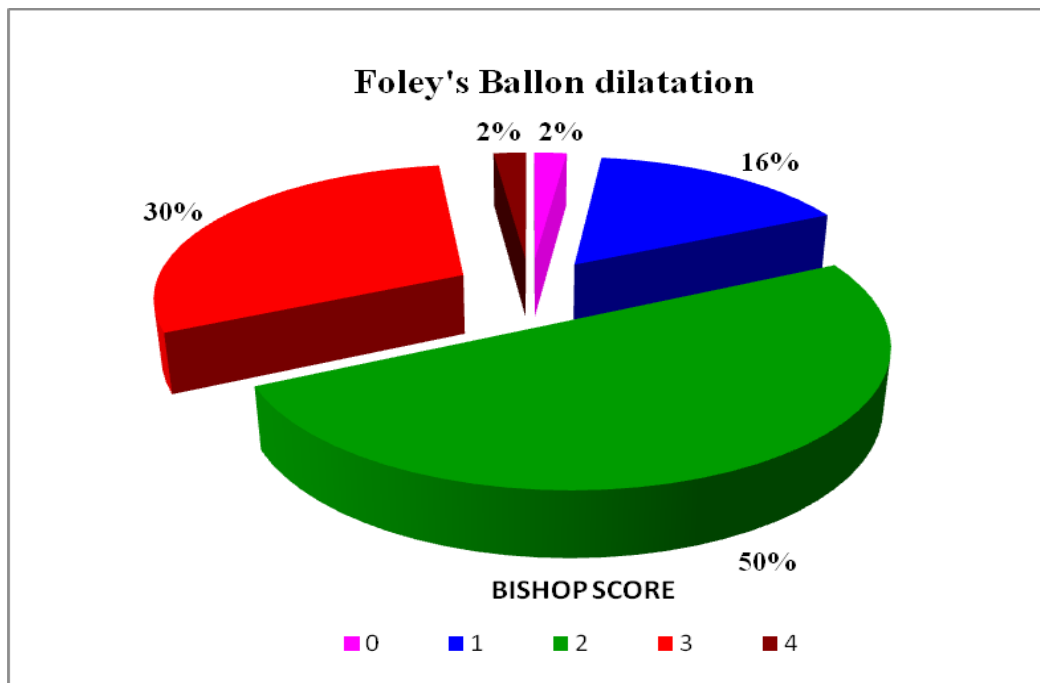
**TABLE 5**

**BISHOP SCORE AT '0' HOUR**

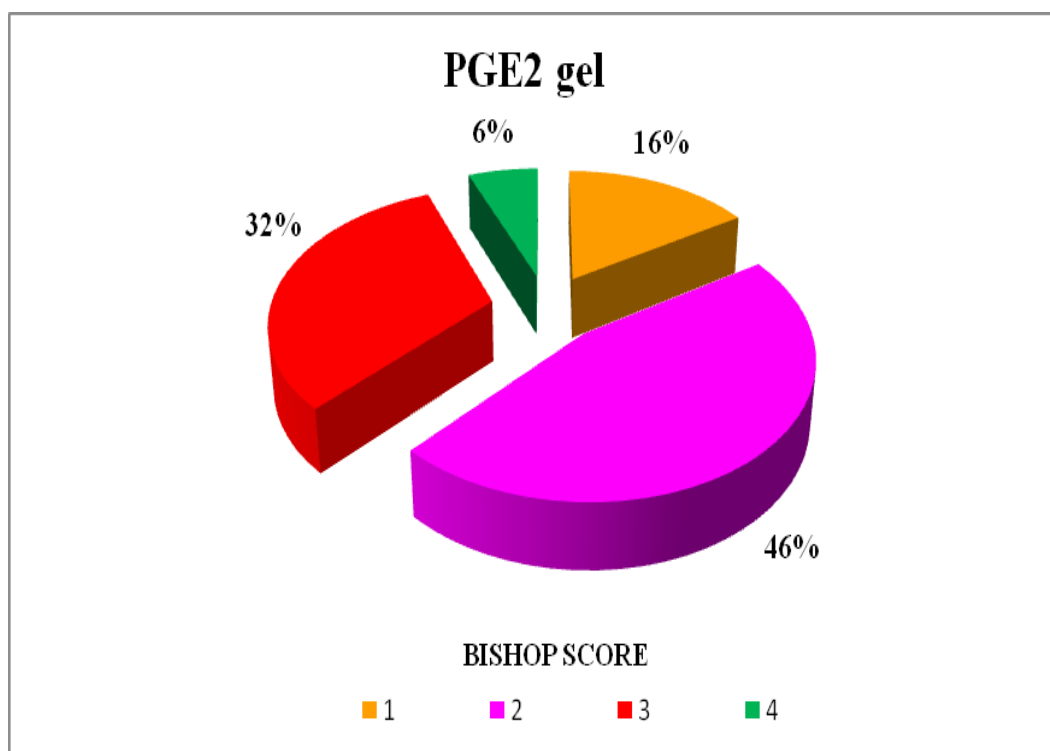
| <b>Bishop Score</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                     | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>0</b>            | <b>1</b>                          | <b>2</b>           | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>           | <b>1</b>     |
| <b>1</b>            | <b>8</b>                          | <b>16</b>          | <b>8</b>        | <b>16</b>          | <b>16</b>    |
| <b>2</b>            | <b>25</b>                         | <b>50</b>          | <b>23</b>       | <b>46</b>          | <b>48</b>    |
| <b>3</b>            | <b>15</b>                         | <b>30</b>          | <b>16</b>       | <b>32</b>          | <b>31</b>    |
| <b>4</b>            | <b>1</b>                          | <b>2</b>           | <b>3</b>        | <b>6</b>           | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

Both the groups were started with same Bishop score. Bishop score of <5 taken as indication for induction. In both groups, maximum patients had a Bishop score of 2 or 3. In Foley's balloon dilatation, 50% had a Bishop score of 2. In PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen, 46% had Bishop score 2. In Foley's balloon dilatation, 30% had a Bishop score of 3 and in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen, 32% had a Bishop score of 3.

No significant difference in the Bishop score at '0' hours between the two groups. Hence, both the groups started the induction with similar Bishop score.



**BISHOP SCORE AT '0' HOUR**



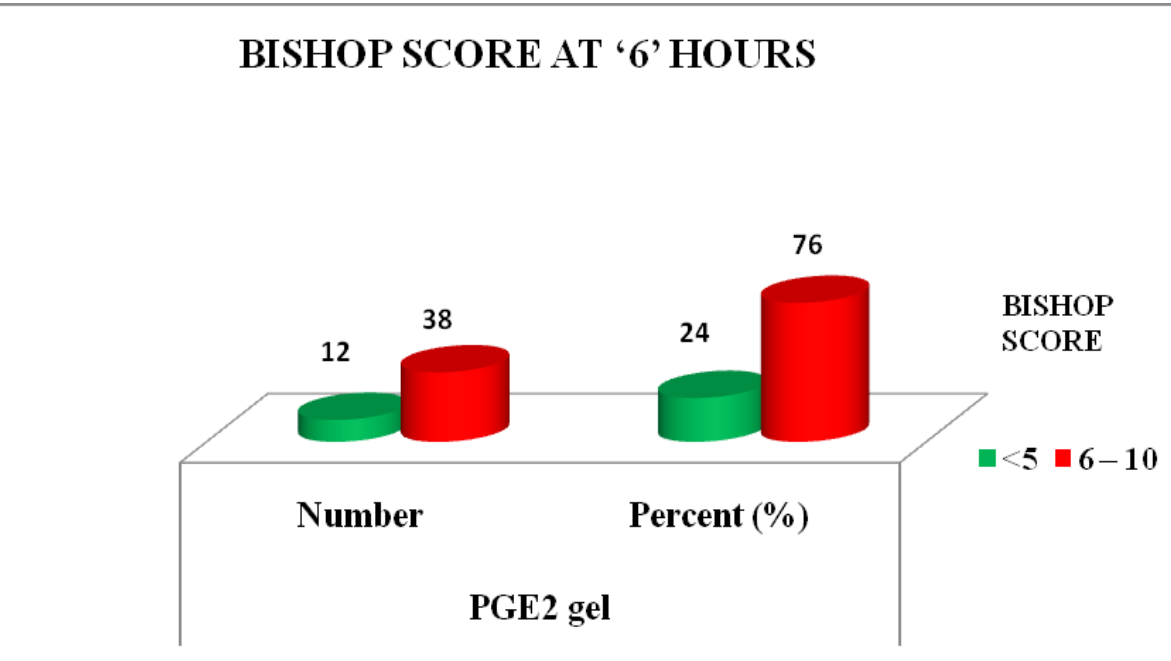
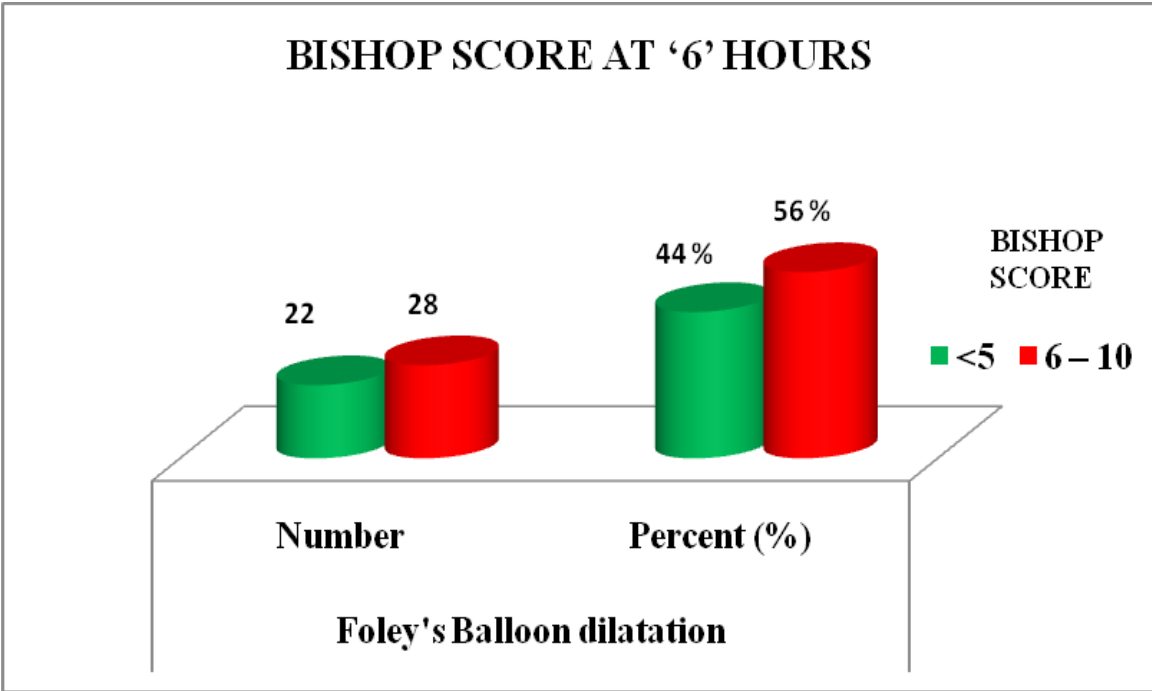


**TABLE 6**

**BISHOP SCORE AT '6' HOURS**

| <b>Bishop Score</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b>     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                     | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |                  |
| <b>&lt;5</b>        | <b>22</b>                         | <b>44</b>          | <b>12</b>       | <b>24</b>          | <b>34</b>        |
| <b>6 – 10</b>       | <b>28</b>                         | <b>56</b>          | <b>38</b>       | <b>76</b>          | <b>66</b>        |
| <b>&gt;10</b>       | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>       |
| <b>Mean</b>         | <b>6</b>                          |                    | <b>7.3</b>      |                    | <b>P&lt;0.05</b> |

Table showing Bishop Score at 6 hours for both groups. 76% of pregnant women in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen had favourable Bishop score within 6 hrs. Only 56% of pregnant women in Foley's balloon dilatation had favourable Bishop score within 6 hours. There is a statistically significant difference in the Bishop score between both groups.



**TABLE 7**

### BISHOP SCORE AT '12' HOURS

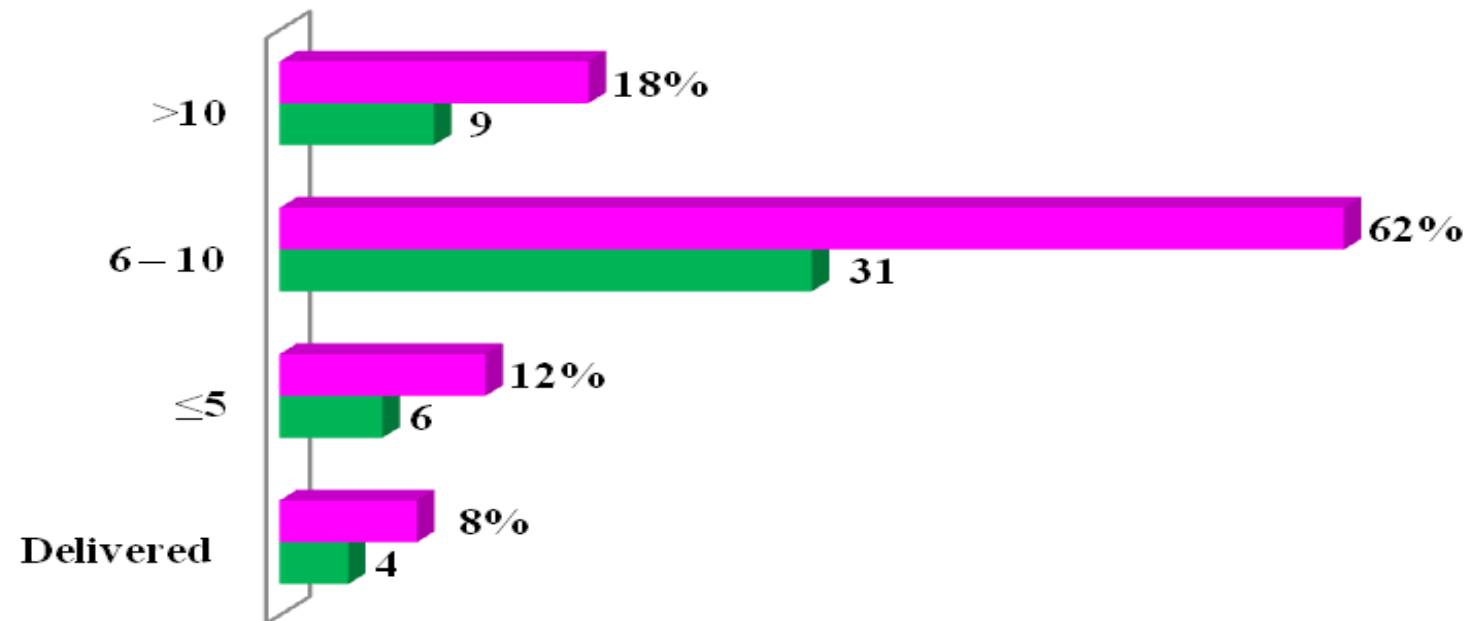
| Bishop Score     | Foley's Balloon dilatation |             | PGE2 gel    |             | Total            |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
|                  | Number                     | Percent (%) | Number      | Percent (%) |                  |
| <b>Delivered</b> | <b>4</b>                   | <b>8</b>    | <b>26</b>   | <b>52</b>   | <b>30</b>        |
| <b>≤5</b>        | <b>6</b>                   | <b>12</b>   | <b>-</b>    | <b>-</b>    | <b>6</b>         |
| <b>6 – 10</b>    | <b>31</b>                  | <b>62</b>   | <b>15</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <b>46</b>        |
| <b>&gt;10</b>    | <b>9</b>                   | <b>18</b>   | <b>9</b>    | <b>18</b>   | <b>18</b>        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>50</b>                  | <b>100</b>  | <b>50</b>   | <b>100</b>  | <b>100</b>       |
| <b>Mean</b>      | <b>8.6</b>                 |             | <b>9.42</b> |             | <b>P&lt;0.05</b> |

52% of patients in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel delivered within 12 hours. 62% of patients in Foley's balloon dilatation had a favourable Bishop score at 12 hours. There is a statistically significant difference in the Bishop score in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel compared to Foley's balloon dilatation.

## BISHOP SCORE AT '12' HOURS

■ **Foley's Balloon dilatation Percent (%)**

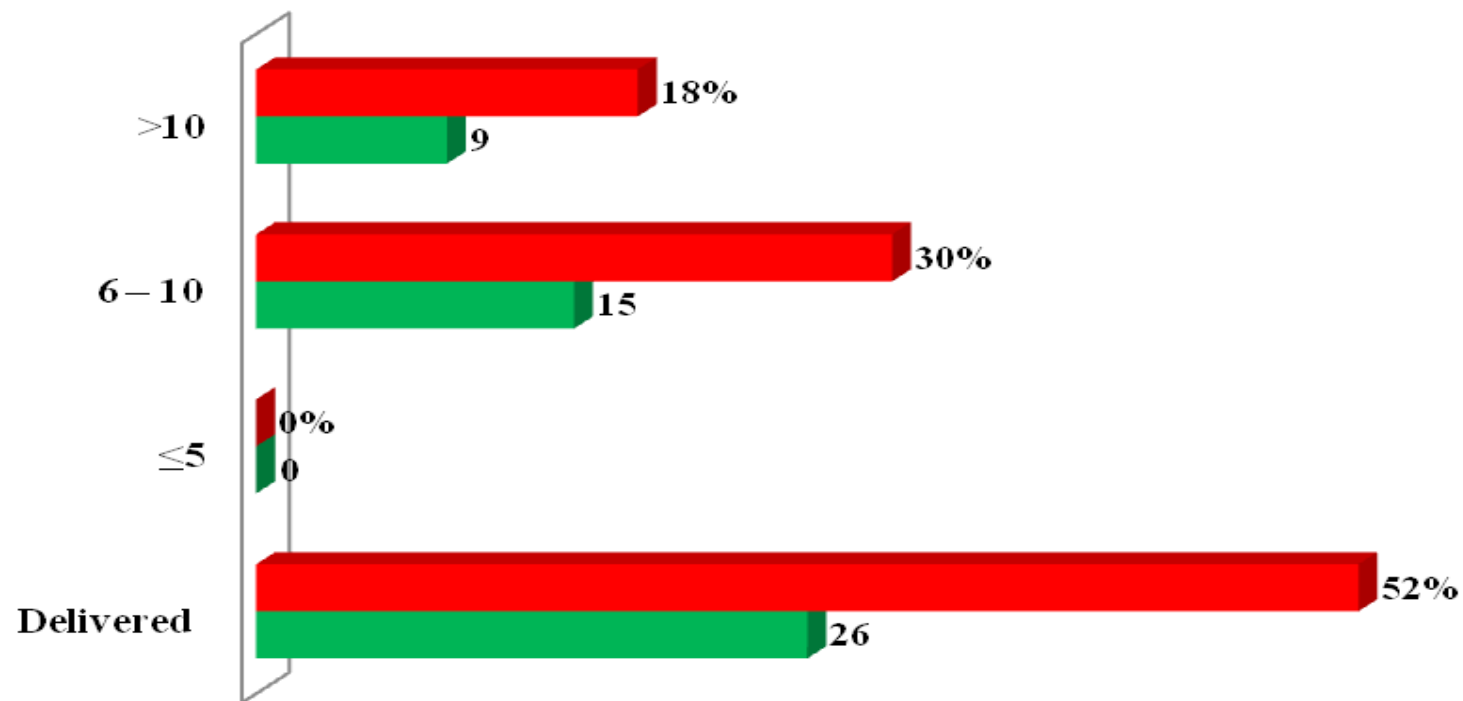
■ **Foley's Balloon dilatation Number**





## BISHOP SCORE AT '12' HOURS

■ PGE2 Gel Percent (%) ■ PGE2 Gel Number



**TABLE 8**

**MEAN BISHOP SCORE**

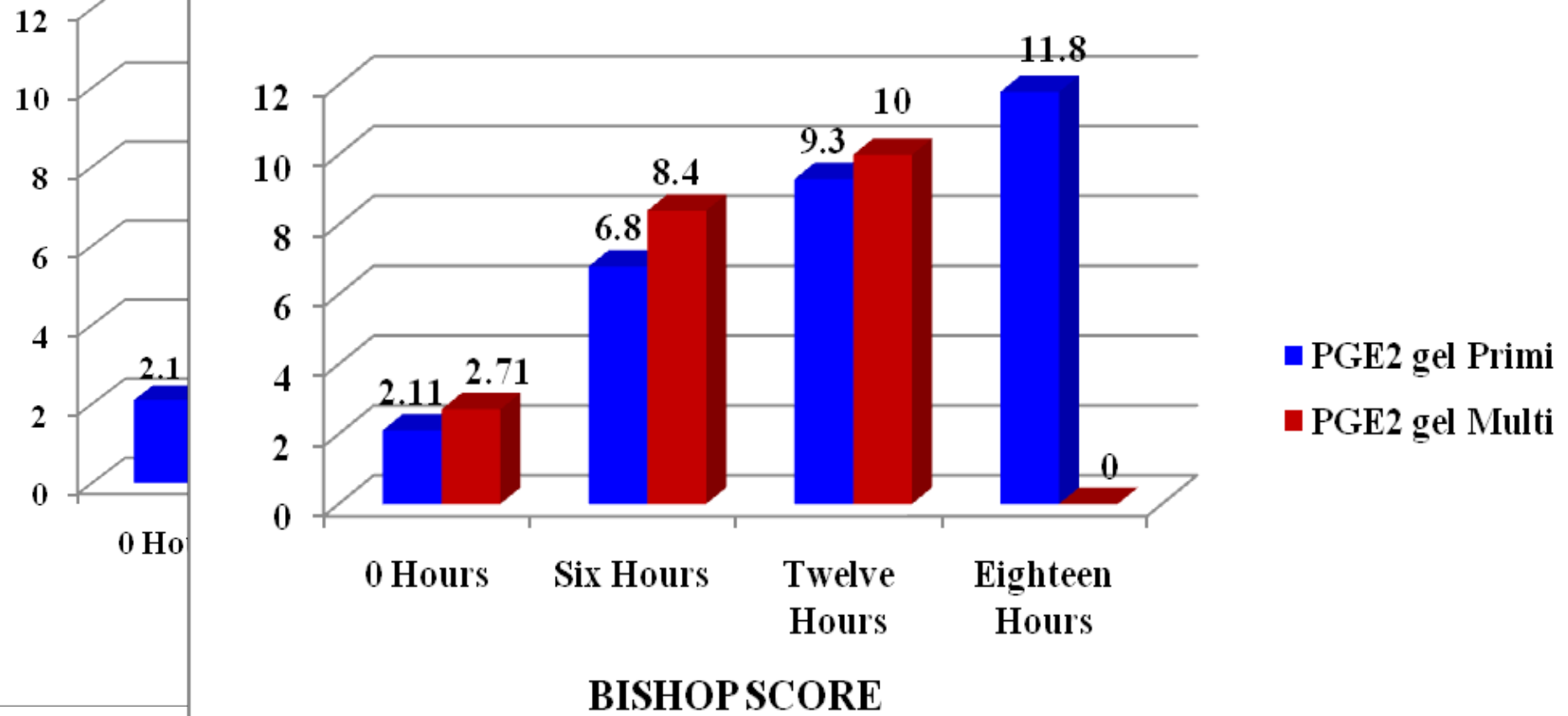
| <b>Bishop Score</b>   | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |              | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                       | <b>Primi</b>                      | <b>Multi</b> | <b>Primi</b>    | <b>Multi</b> |
| <b>0 Hours</b>        | <b>2.1</b>                        | <b>2.4</b>   | <b>2.11</b>     | <b>2.71</b>  |
| <b>Six hours</b>      | <b>5.7</b>                        | <b>6.7</b>   | <b>6.8</b>      | <b>8.4</b>   |
| <b>Twelve hours</b>   | <b>8.2</b>                        | <b>9.8</b>   | <b>9.3</b>      | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>Eighteen Hours</b> | <b>11</b>                         | <b>10.8</b>  | <b>11.8</b>     | <b>0</b>     |

**P<0.05**

Table shows the Mean Bishop Score at 0,6,12,18 hours in both groups. The mean Bishop Score at '0' hours is statistically not significant. The mean Bishop score at 6 hours was 5.7 hours in primis in the Foley's group when compared to the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group where the mean Bishop score was 6.8 hours. Similarly, the mean Bishop Score at 12 hours was 8.2 in primis in the Foley's group when compared to the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group where the mean Bishop score was 9.3. There is a statistically significant difference in the mean Bishop score at 6 and 12 hours in the PGE<sub>2</sub> compared to the Foley's group. The mean change in the score also significant in both nullipara and multipara in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation.

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PGE2 GEL



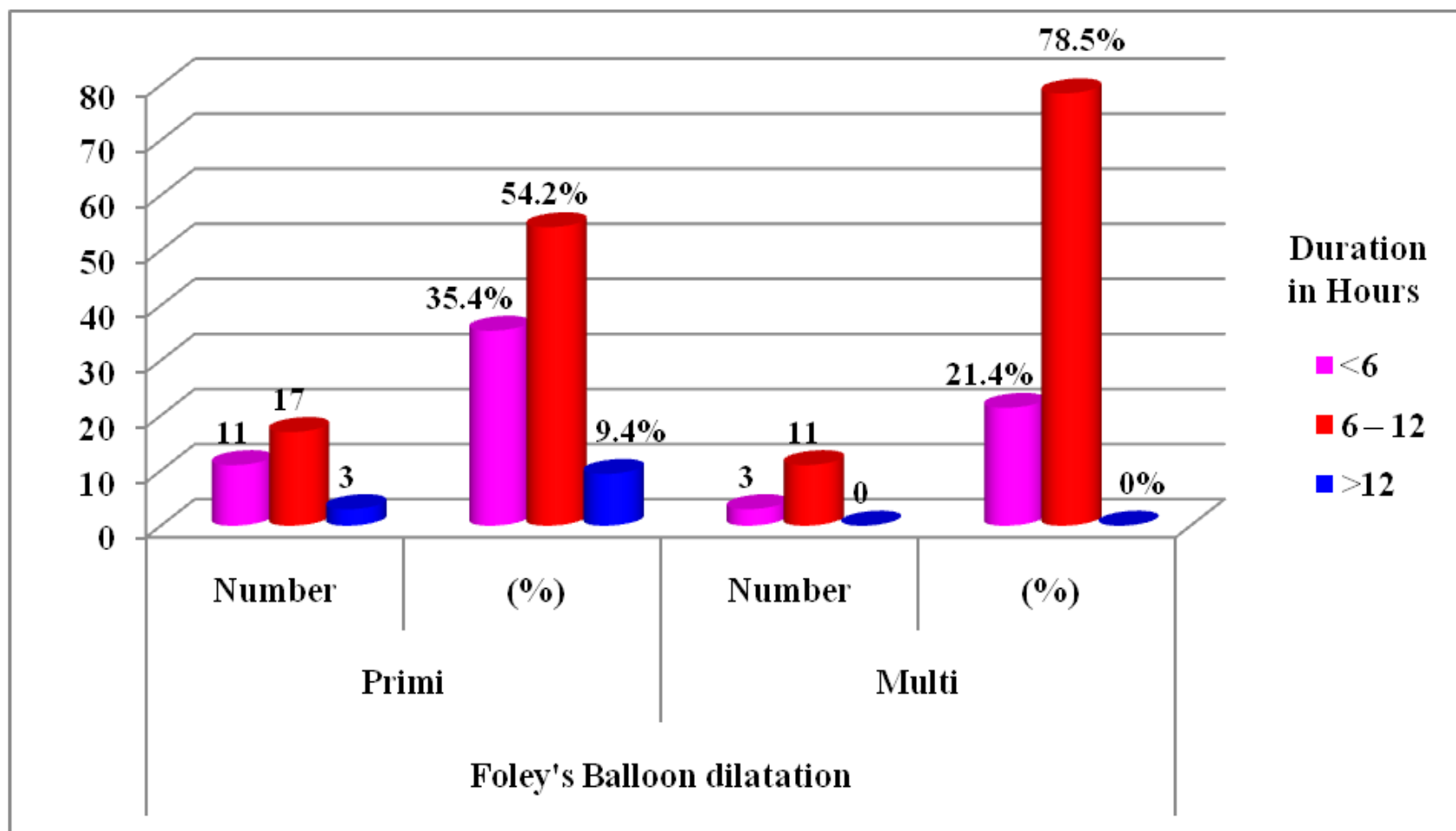


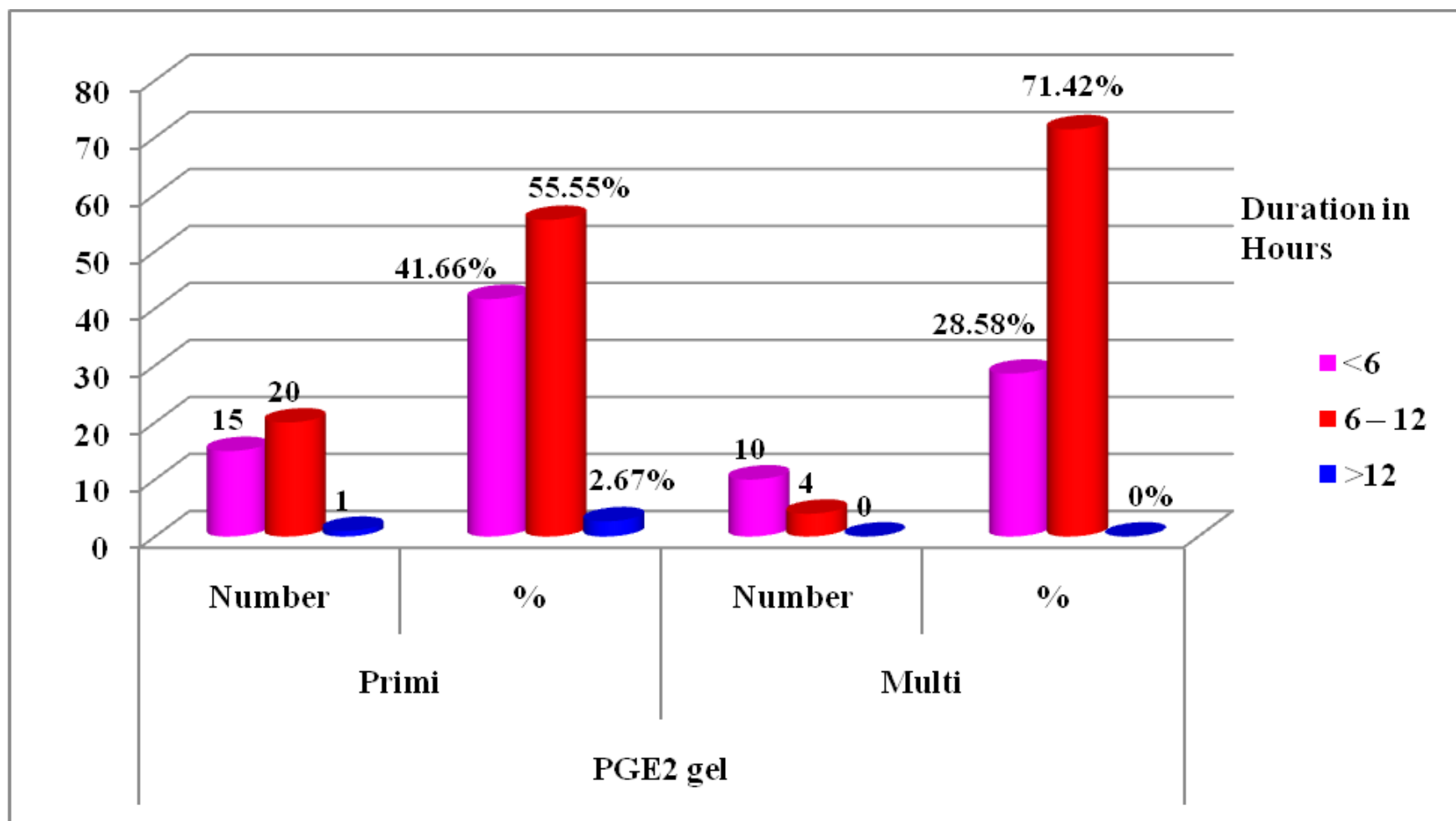
**TABLE 9**

**INDUCTION TO ACTIVE LABOUR INTERVAL**

| <b>Duration<br/>in hours</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |             |               |             | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |             |               |              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|                              | <b>Primi</b>                      |             | <b>Multi</b>  |             | <b>Primi</b>    |             | <b>Multi</b>  |              |
|                              | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>(%)</b>  | <b>Number</b> | <b>(%)</b>  | <b>Number</b>   | <b>%</b>    | <b>Number</b> | <b>%</b>     |
| <b>&lt;6</b>                 | <b>11</b>                         | <b>35.4</b> | <b>3</b>      | <b>21.4</b> | <b>15</b>       | <b>41.6</b> | <b>10</b>     | <b>28.58</b> |
| <b>6 – 12</b>                | <b>17</b>                         | <b>54.2</b> | <b>11</b>     | <b>78.5</b> | <b>20</b>       | <b>55.5</b> | <b>4</b>      | <b>71.42</b> |
| <b>&gt;12</b>                | <b>3</b>                          | <b>9.4</b>  | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>    | <b>1</b>        | <b>2.67</b> | <b>-</b>      | <b>-</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>31</b>                         | <b>100</b>  | <b>14</b>     | <b>100</b>  | <b>36</b>       | <b>100</b>  | <b>14</b>     | <b>100</b>   |

Table showing the induction to active labour interval. In Foley's balloon dilataion, 35% of primi and 21% of multi established labour within 6 hours. 54% of primi and 78% of multi within 12 hours 9% crossed 12 hours. In PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen. 41% of primi and 28% of multi established labour within 6 hours. 55% of primi and 71% of multi established labour within 12 hours. Only 2% crossed 12 hours.





**TABLE 10**

**MEAN INDUCTION TO ACTIVE LABOUR INTERVAL**

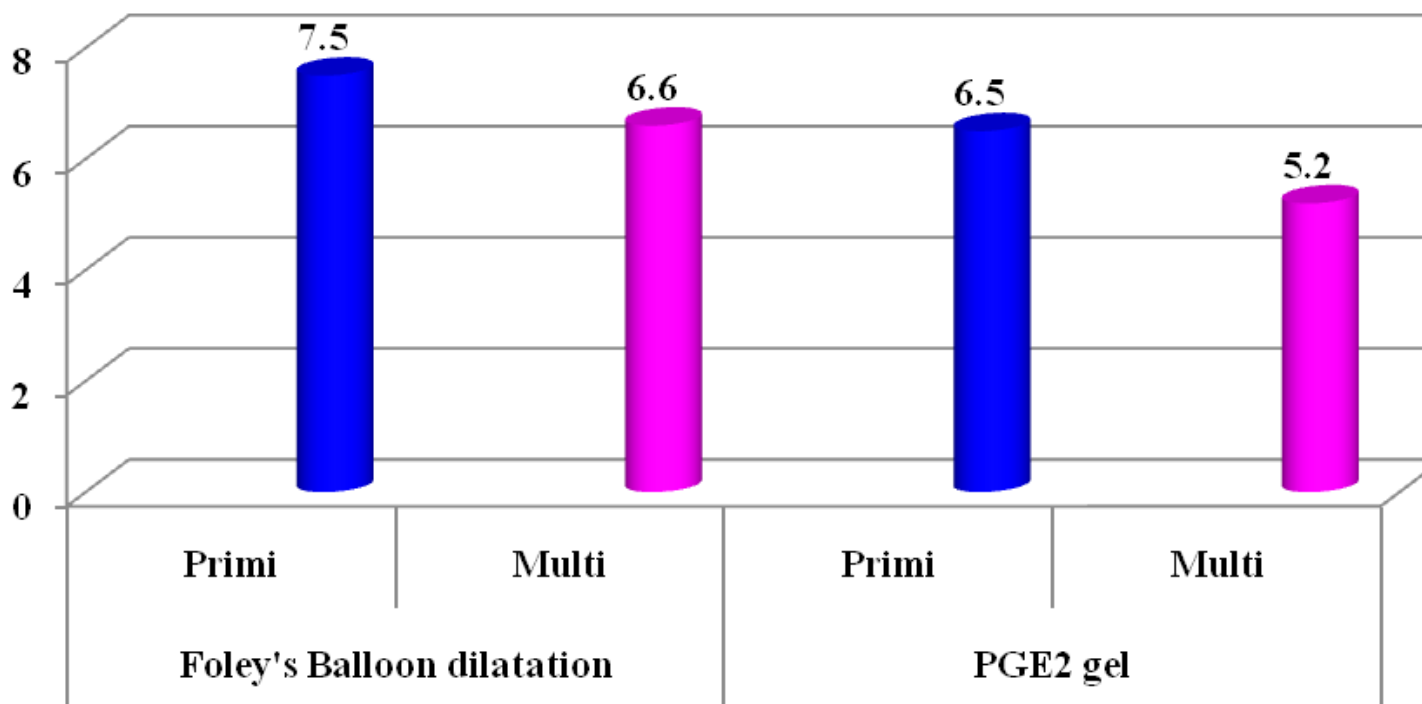
|                                  | Foley's Balloon dilatation |            | PGE2 gel   |            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                  | Primi                      | Multi      | Primi      | Multi      |
| <b>Induction labour interval</b> | <b>7.5</b>                 | <b>6.6</b> | <b>6.5</b> | <b>5.2</b> |

**P<0.05**

The mean induction active labour interval in primigravida with Foley's balloon dilatation was 7.5 hours. The mean induction to active labour interval in primigravida with PGE2 gel group was 6.6 hours.

The mean induction active labour interval in multipara with Foley's balloon dilatation was 6.5 hours. The mean induction active labour interval in multipara with PGE2 gel group was 5.2 hours. The difference between the two groups using the 't' test is statistically significant.

## MEAN INDUCTION TO ACTIVE LABOUR INTERVAL



**TABLE 11**

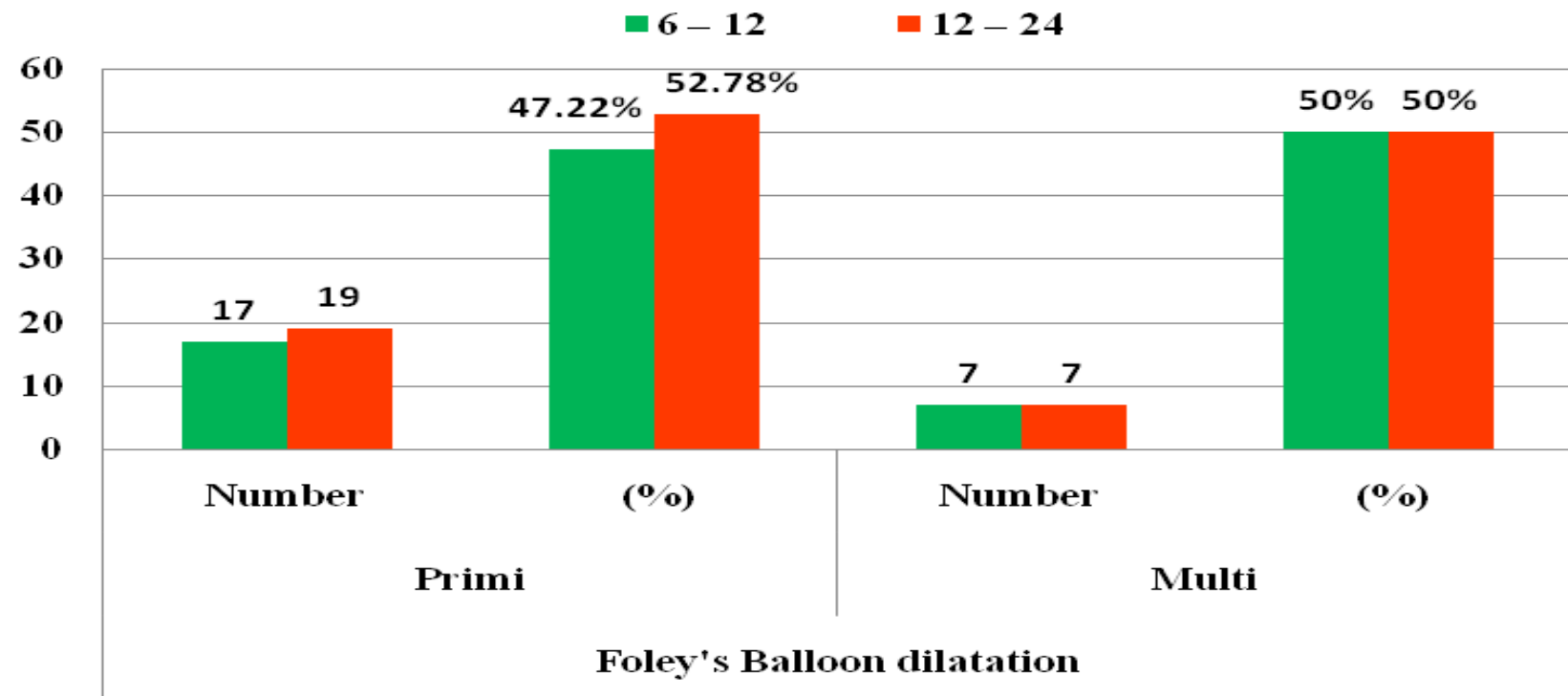
**INDUCTION DELIVERY INTERVAL**

| <b>Duration<br/>in hours</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |              |              |            | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |              |              |              |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                              | <b>Primi</b>                      |              | <b>Multi</b> |            | <b>Primi</b>    |              | <b>Multi</b> |              |
|                              | <b>No</b>                         | <b>(%)</b>   | <b>No</b>    | <b>(%)</b> | <b>No</b>       | <b>%</b>     | <b>No</b>    | <b>%</b>     |
| <b>6 – 12</b>                | <b>17</b>                         | <b>47.22</b> | <b>7</b>     | <b>50</b>  | <b>22</b>       | <b>61.11</b> | <b>12</b>    | <b>85.72</b> |
| <b>12 – 24</b>               | <b>19</b>                         | <b>52.78</b> | <b>7</b>     | <b>50</b>  | <b>14</b>       | <b>38.89</b> | <b>2</b>     | <b>14.28</b> |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>36</b>                         | <b>100</b>   | <b>14</b>    | <b>100</b> | <b>36</b>       | <b>100</b>   | <b>14</b>    | <b>100</b>   |

Table showing the Induction Delivery interval in both groups. In PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen, 61% of primi and 85% of multi delivered with 12 hours. In Foley's balloon dilatation, 47% of primi and 50% of multi delivered within 12 hours.

## INDUCTION DELIVERY INTERVAL

### Duration of Hours



**TABLE 12**

**MEAN INDUCTION DELIVERY INTERVAL**

|   | Foley's Balloon dilatation |             | PGE2 gel    |            |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
|   | Primi                      | Multi       | Primi       | Multi      |
| <b>Induction<br/>Delivery<br/>interval<br/>in hours</b> | <b>13</b>                  | <b>13.4</b> | <b>11.7</b> | <b>9.9</b> |

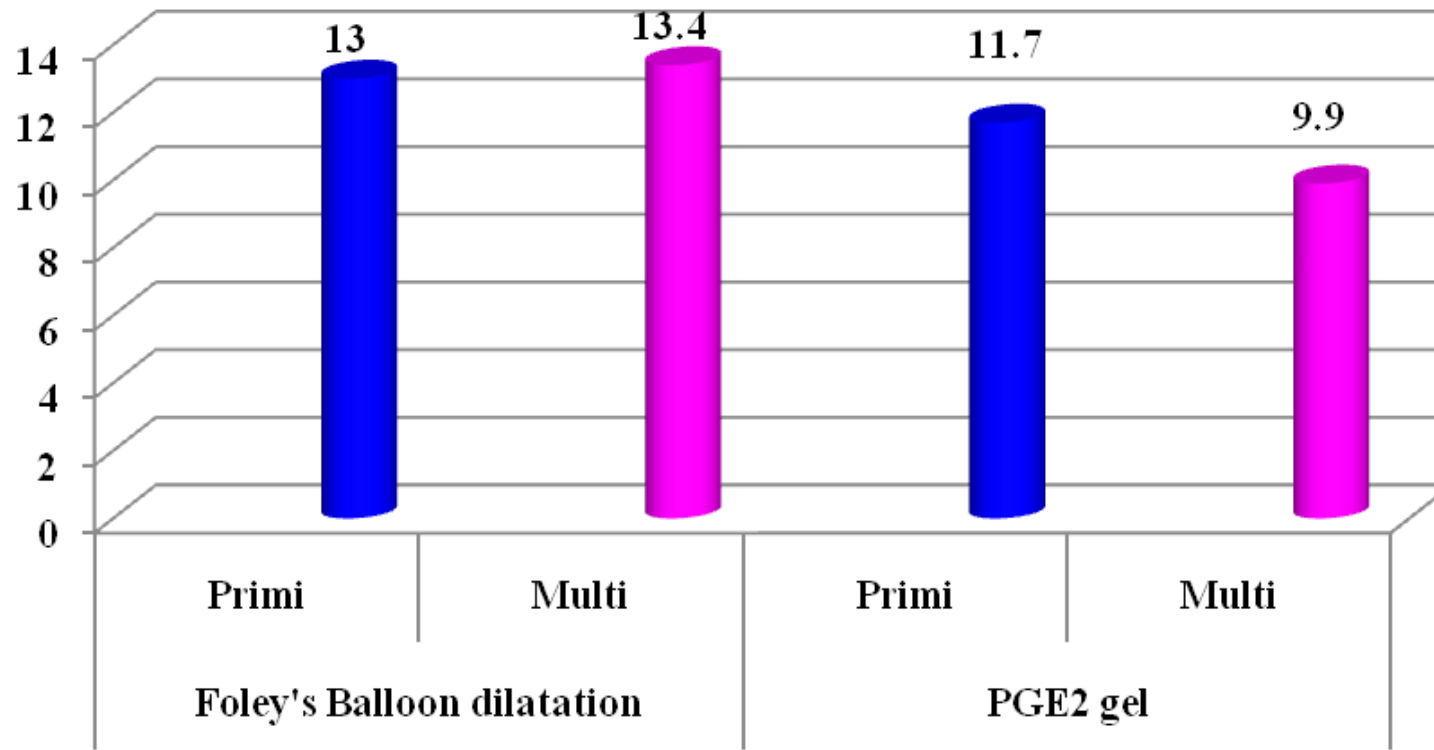
**P<0.05**

The mean induction delivery interval in primigravida with Foley's balloon dilatation was 13 hours. The mean induction delivery interval in primigravida with PGE2 gel group was 13.4 hours.

The mean induction delivery interval in multigravida with Foley's balloon dilatation was 11.7 hours. The mean induction delivery interval in multi with PGE2 gel group was 9.9 hours. The difference between the two groups using the 't' test is statistically significant.



## MEAN INDUCTION DELIVERY INTERVAL



**TABLE 13**

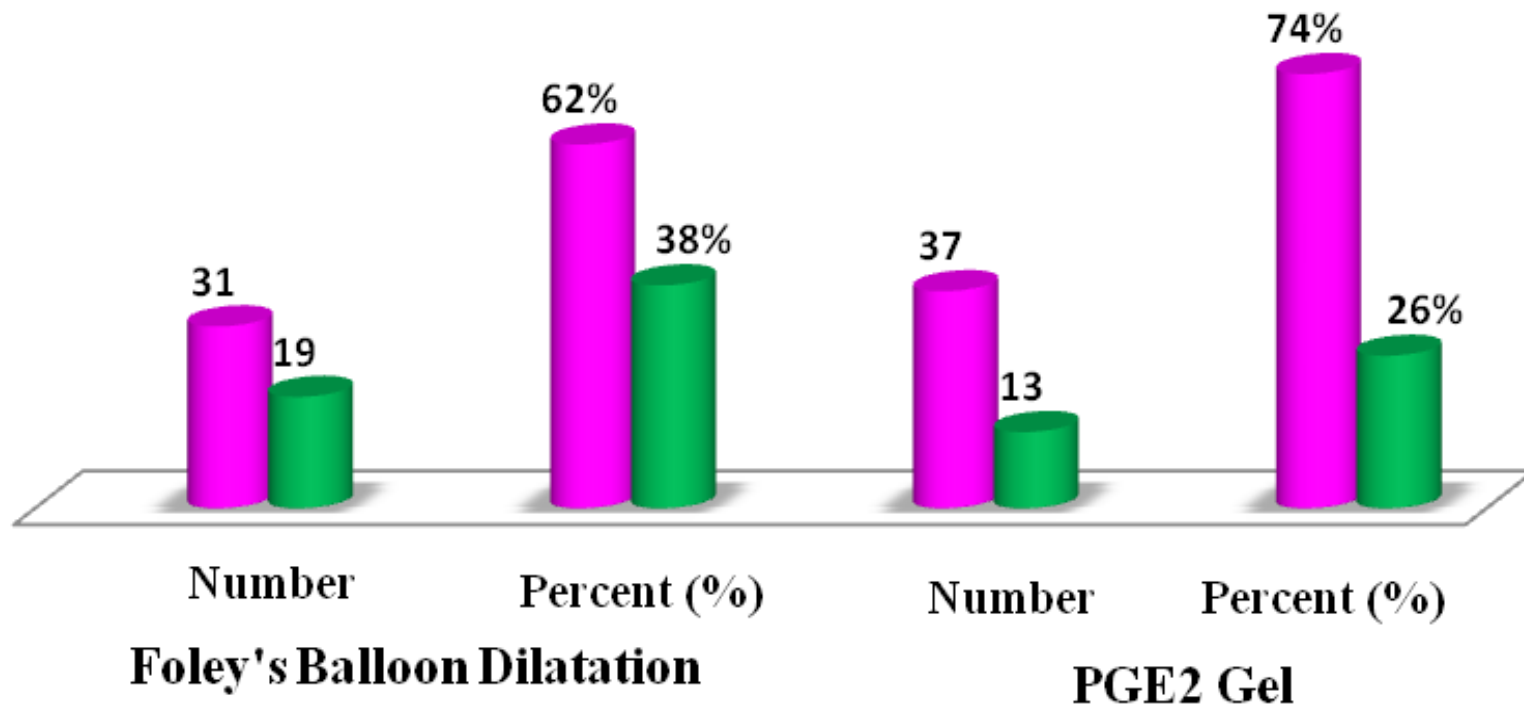
**PATIENTS REQUIRING REINSTITUTION WITH PGE<sub>2</sub>**

| <b>PGE<sub>2</sub> gel</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE<sub>2</sub> gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                            | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>              | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>Not used</b>            | <b>31</b>                         | <b>62</b>          | <b>37</b>                  | <b>74</b>          | <b>68</b>    |
| <b>Used</b>                | <b>19</b>                         | <b>38</b>          | <b>13</b>                  | <b>26</b>          | <b>32</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>                  | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

Table showing higher use of 2<sup>nd</sup> method of induction by PGE<sub>2</sub> in Foley's balloon dilatation than PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group.

## PATIENTS REQUIRING REINSTALLATION WITH PGE2 GEL

■ Not used    ■ Used



**TABLE 14**

**PATIENTS REQUIRING OXYTOCIN FOR AUGMENTATION**

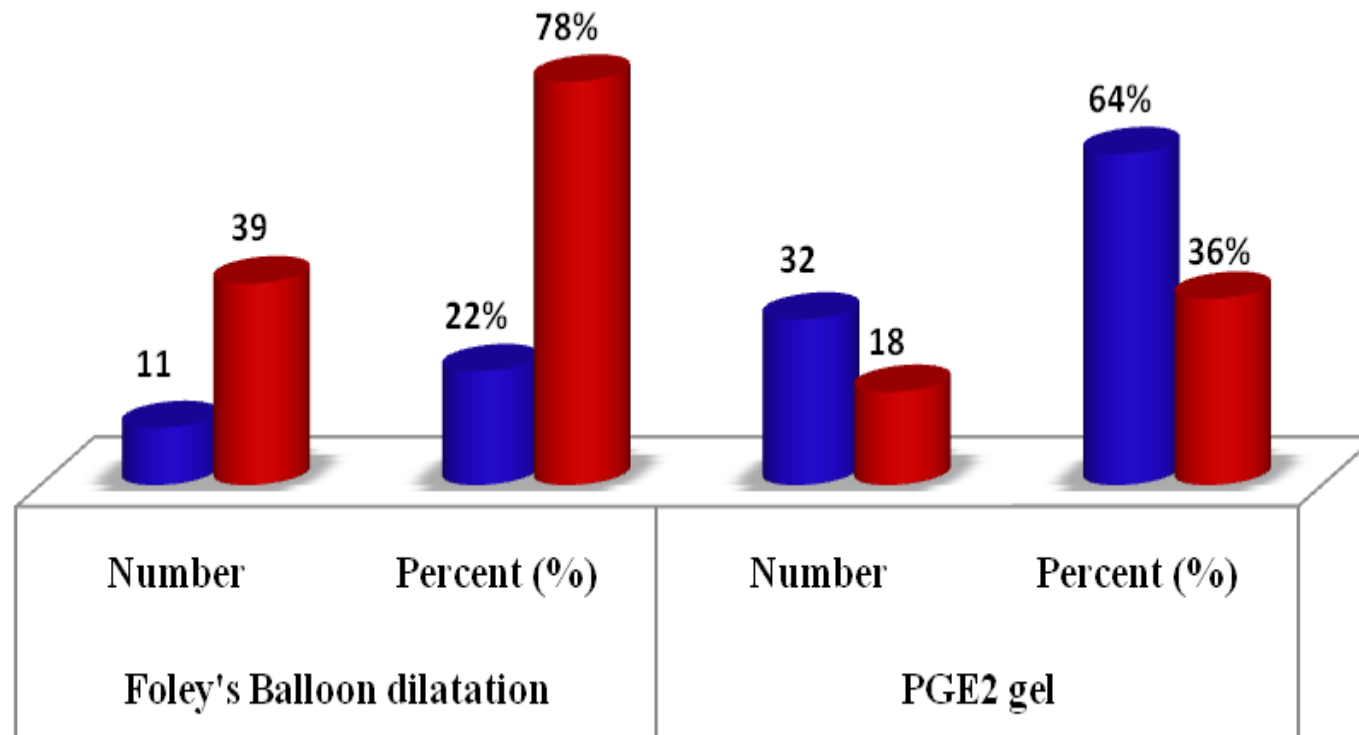
| <b>Oxytocin</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                 | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>Not used</b> | <b>11</b>                         | <b>22</b>          | <b>32</b>       | <b>64</b>          | <b>43</b>    |
| <b>Used</b>     | <b>39</b>                         | <b>78</b>          | <b>18</b>       | <b>36</b>          | <b>57</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

**P<0.05**

Table shows that Oxytocin augmentation requirement is more 78% in Foley's balloon dilatation than PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen where it is only 36%. The difference is statistically significant using chi-square test.

## PATIENTS REQUIRING OXYTOCIN FOR AUGMENTATION

■ Not used ■ Used



**TABLE 15**

**MODE OF DELIVERY**

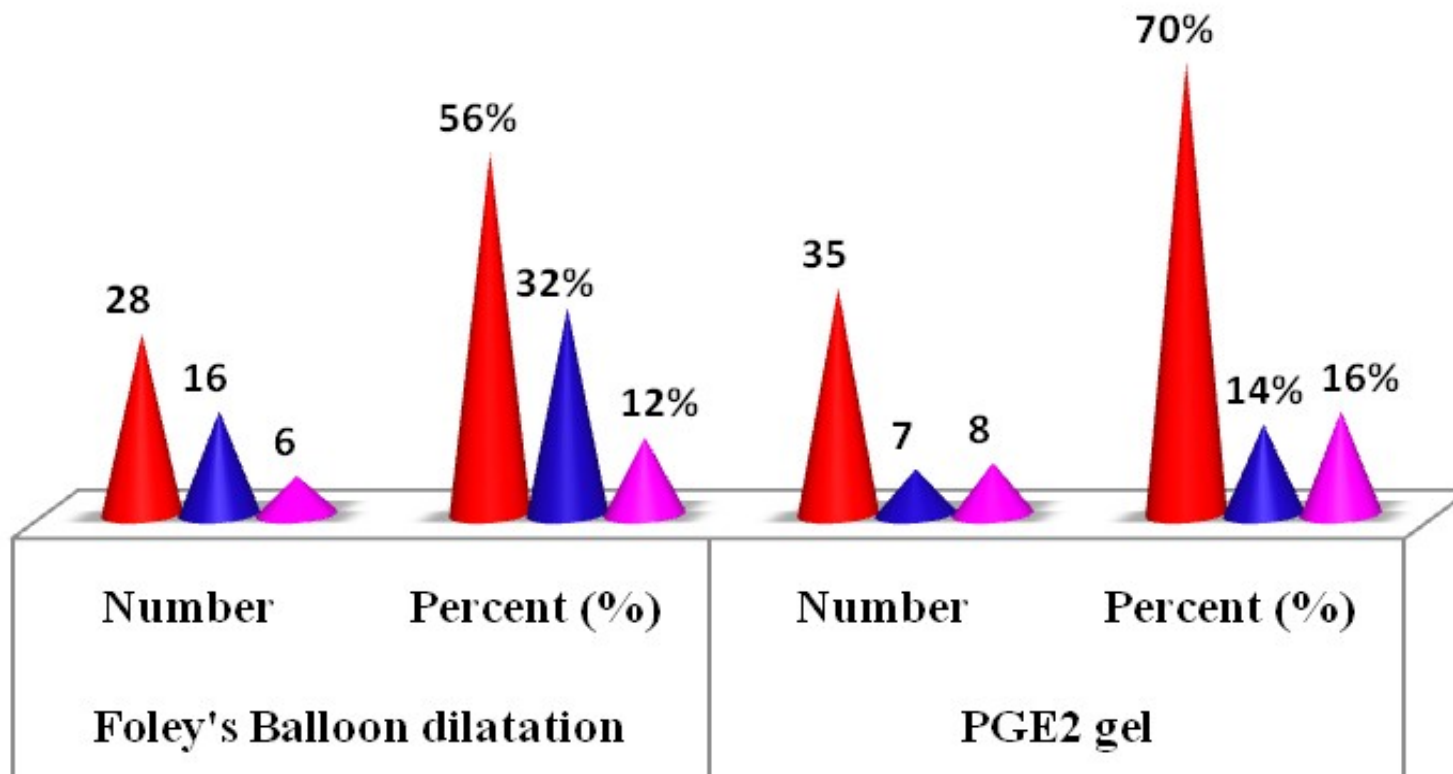
| <b>Mode of Delivery</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                         | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>Labour natural</b>   | <b>28</b>                         | <b>56</b>          | <b>35</b>       | <b>70</b>          | <b>63</b>    |
| <b>LSCS</b>             | <b>16</b>                         | <b>32</b>          | <b>7</b>        | <b>14</b>          | <b>23</b>    |
| <b>Forceps</b>          | <b>6</b>                          | <b>12</b>          | <b>8</b>        | <b>16</b>          | <b>14</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>50</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

**P<0.05**

70% delivered by labour natural in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group, only 56% delivered labour natural in Foley's balloon dilatation. 32% LSCS rate in Foley's balloon dilatation, whereas only 14% in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen. There is statistically significant difference in the mode of delivery between the two groups using chi-square test.

## MODE OF DELIVERY

■ Labour natural    ■ LSCS    ■ Forceps



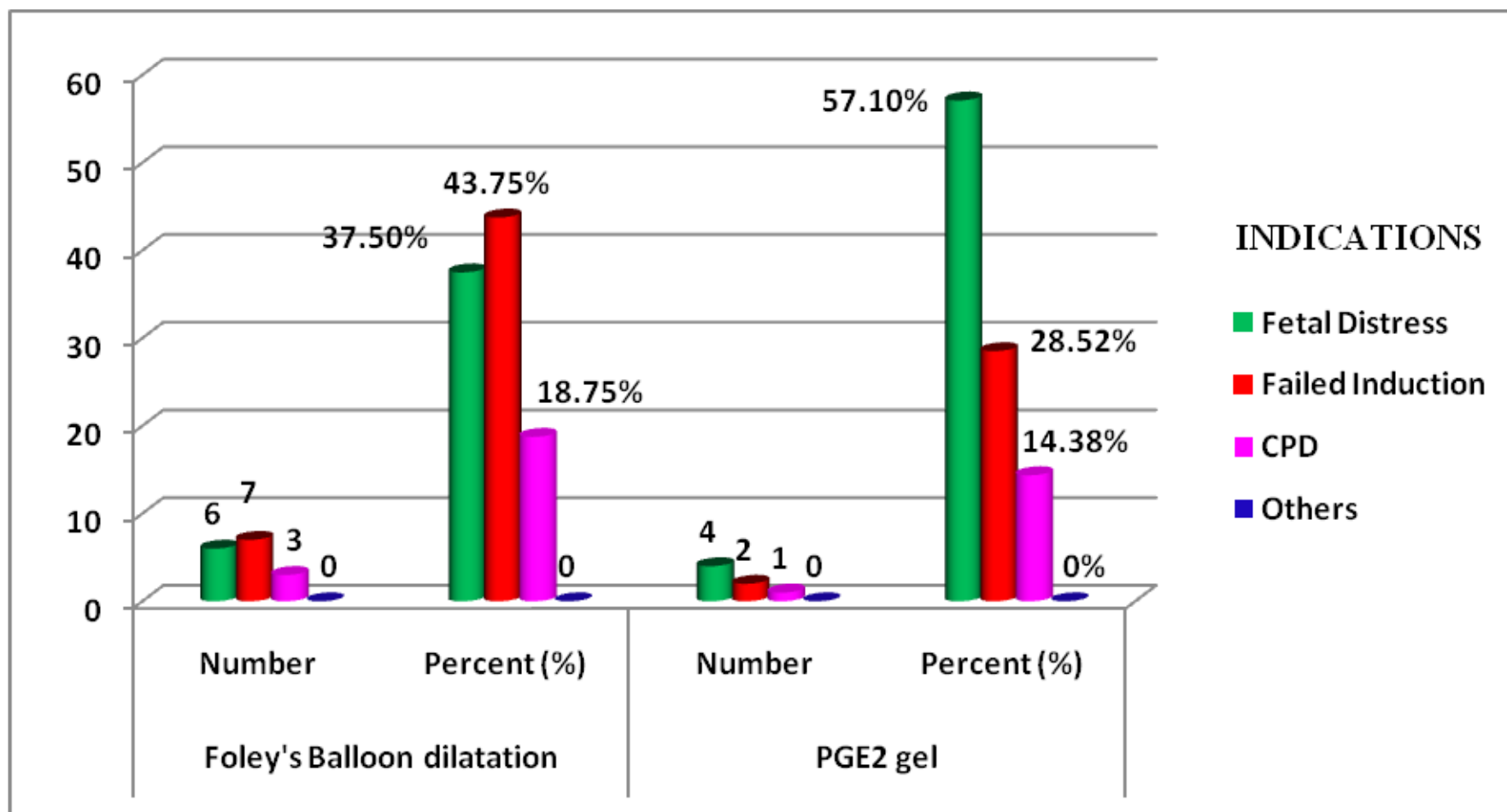
**TABLE 16**

**INDICATIONS FOR CAESAREAN SECTION**

| <b>Indications</b>      | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                         | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>Fetal Distress</b>   | <b>6</b>                          | <b>37.50</b>       | <b>4</b>        | <b>57.10</b>       | <b>10</b>    |
| <b>Failed Induction</b> | <b>7</b>                          | <b>43.75</b>       | <b>2</b>        | <b>28.52</b>       | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>CPD</b>              | <b>3</b>                          | <b>18.75</b>       | <b>1</b>        | <b>14.38</b>       | <b>4</b>     |
| <b>Others</b>           | <b>-</b>                          | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>        | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>16</b>                         | <b>100</b>         | <b>7</b>        | <b>100</b>         | <b>23</b>    |

Caesarean section rate being higher in Foley's group, the most common indication being failed induction, next comes the fetal distress.





**TABLE 17**

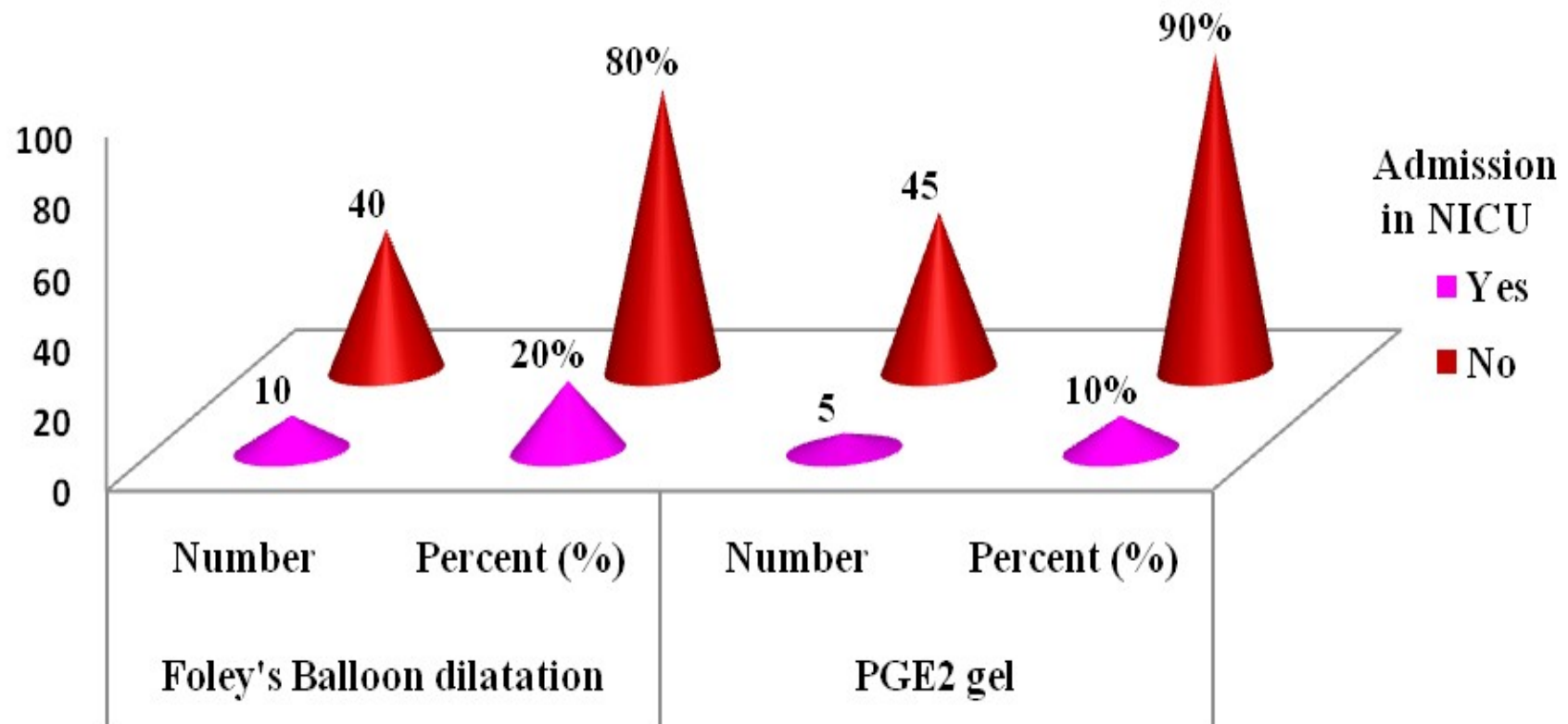
**FETAL OUTCOME**

| <b>Admission<br/>in NICU</b> | <b>Foley's Balloon<br/>dilatation</b> |                    | <b>PGE2 gel</b> |                    | <b>Total</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|
|                              | <b>Number</b>                         | <b>Percent (%)</b> | <b>Number</b>   | <b>Percent (%)</b> |              |
| <b>Yes</b>                   | <b>10</b>                             | <b>20</b>          | <b>5</b>        | <b>10</b>          | <b>15</b>    |
| <b>No</b>                    | <b>40</b>                             | <b>80</b>          | <b>45</b>       | <b>90</b>          | <b>85</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>50</b>                             | <b>100</b>         | <b>50</b>       | <b>100</b>         | <b>100</b>   |

**P<0.05**

20% of neonates in Foley's balloon dilatation group were admitted in neonatal intensive care unit, whereas only 10% of neonates in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel regimen got admitted. The difference in the two groups is statistically significant using chi-square test.

## FETAL OUTCOME



**TABLE 18**

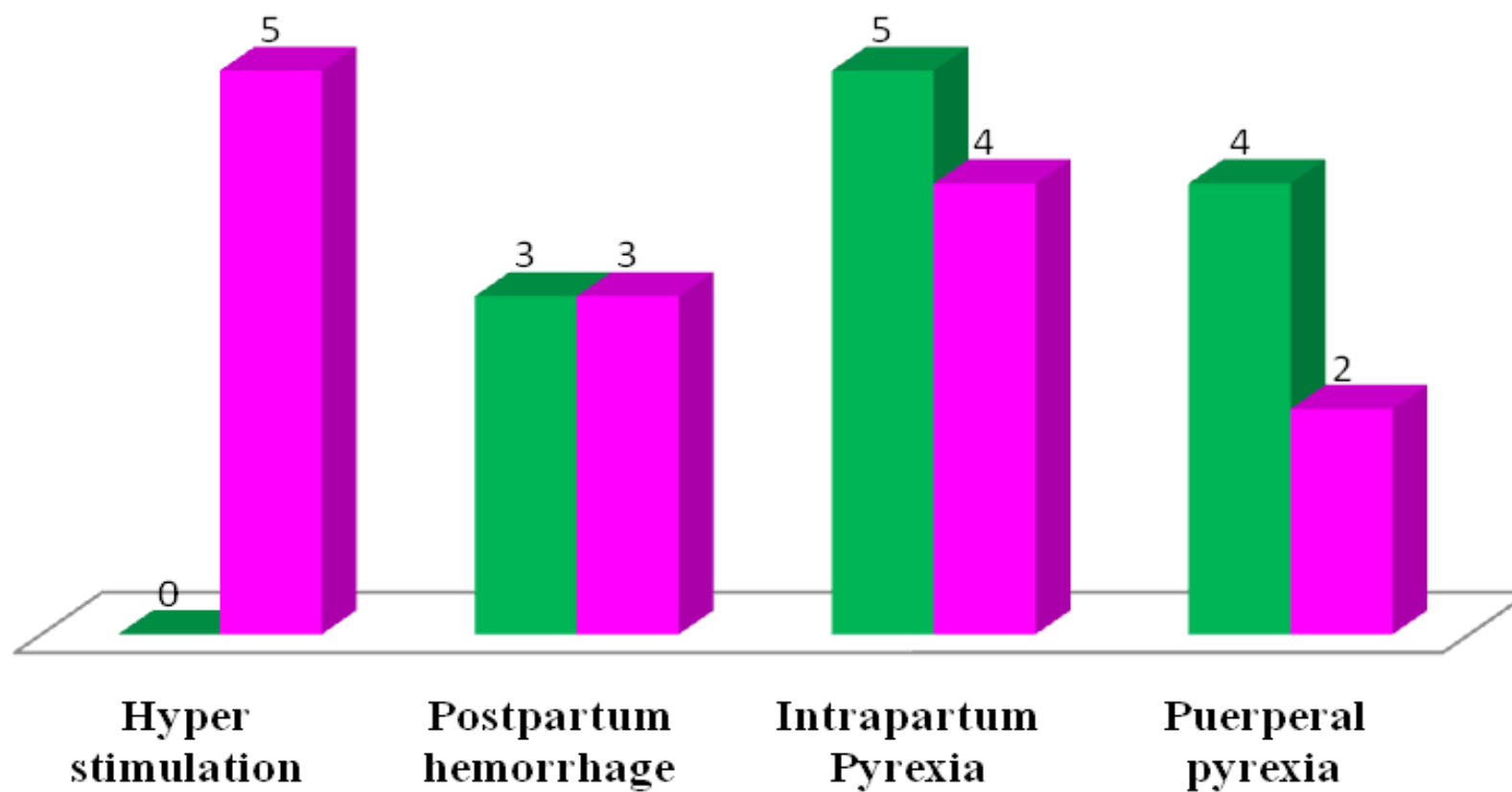
**MATERNAL COMPLICATIONS**

|                              | <b>Foley's Balloon dilatation</b> | <b>PGE<sub>2</sub> gel</b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                              | <b>Number</b>                     | <b>Number</b>              |
| <b>Hyper stimulation</b>     | <b>-</b>                          | <b>5</b>                   |
| <b>Postpartum hemorrhage</b> | <b>3</b>                          | <b>3</b>                   |
| <b>Intrapartum Pyrexia</b>   | <b>5</b>                          | <b>4</b>                   |
| <b>Puerperal pyrexia</b>     | <b>4</b>                          | <b>2</b>                   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>12</b>                         | <b>14</b>                  |

5 patients had hyper stimulation in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group. PPH incidence equal between two groups. Intrapartum and puerperal pyrexia slightly higher in Foley's group.

■ **Foley's Balloon dilatation Number**

■ **PGE2 gel Number**



# **DISCUSSION**

## **DISCUSSION**

The study has been conducted at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology to assess the efficacy of Foley's intracervical balloon dilatation compared to prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>gel for cervical ripening and induction of labour.

The study was carried out in 100 patients. Fifty patients being assigned randomly to the balloon dilatation and 50 patients to PGE<sub>2</sub>gel.

In this study, both Foley's balloon dilatation and PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group had patients of almost similar age group, parity and gestational age. Maximum number of patients induced belonged to the 20 – 25 years age group. Studies by Janet B et al Feb 1999 showed the maximum number of patients belonged to 20 – 30 years of age group. Another study by Anderson et al in 1965 also showed that maximum number of cases belonged to the above age group.

Maximum number of patients in the study group were primigravida. Studies by Debra<sup>3</sup> A Guinn 2000 and Divya Rouben et al 1993 also had maximum number of women as primigravida.

In this study maximum number of patients induced between 37 – 40 weeks of gestation by PGE<sub>2</sub>gel. In Foley's group equal distribution between 37 – 40 weeks and >40 weeks gestation.

The study of Divya Rouben<sup>4</sup> et al 1993 showing maximum patients induced at 40 – 42 weeks. In this study, postdatism was the commonest indication for induction in both groups. According to Janet et al and Divya Rouben, the commonest indication was postdatism, whereas according to Debra and Guinn<sup>5</sup>, preeclampsia was the commonest indication.

### **Change in Bishop Score**

Induction was started in both groups with similar Bishop Score. The mean Bishop Score at '0' hours in PGE<sub>2</sub> was in primis 2.11 when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation group where it was 2.1.

The mean Bishop score at '0' hours in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group in multis was 2.71 when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation group where it was 2.4.

The mean Bishop score at 6 hours in primis was 6.8 hrs in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation where the mean Bishop score at 6 hours was 5.7 hours. Similarly, the mean Bishop score at 12 hours was 9.33 hrs in primis in the PGE<sub>2</sub> group when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation where the mean Bishop score at 12 hours was 8.2 hours.

The mean Bishop score at 6 hours in multis was 8.3 hrs in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation where the mean Bishop score at 6 hrs was 6.7 hrs. Similarly, the mean Bishop score at 12 hrs in mutis was 10 hrs in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared to the Foley's balloon



dilatation where the mean Bishop score was 9.8 hrs. Mean improvement in Bishop score was higher in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation.

According to a study by Taani et al<sup>6</sup> Royal Medical Services, change in mean Bishop score was significantly higher in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group 3.09 versus catheter group 3.1, p value <0.01.

### **Induction to Active Labour interval**

In PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group, 41% of primis established labour within 6 hours and 55% within 12 hours. Also 28% of mults within 6 hours and 71% of mults within 6 – 12 hours.

In Foley's balloon dilatation, 39% of primis established labour within 6 hours and 50% within 12 hours. Also 25% of mults established labour within 6 hours and 75% within 12 hours.

In PGE<sub>2</sub> group, only 2% crossed 12 hours to establish labour, whereas in the Foley's balloon dilatation, 10% crossed 12 hours to establish labour. All were primigravida.

The mean induction labour interval in primigravida in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group was 6.5 hours. The mean induction to active labour interval in primigravida with Foley's balloon dilatation group was 7.5 hours.

The mean induction labour interval in multipara with PGE<sub>2</sub> gel was 5.2 hours. The mean induction labour interval in multipara in the Foley's balloon dilatation group was 6.6 hours. The difference between the two groups is statistically significant.

PGE<sub>2</sub> gel was found to be more effective in inducing labour when compared to Foley's balloon dilatation.

### **Induction to Delivery Interval**

In PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group, 61% of primis and 85% of multis delivered within 12 hours. In Foley's balloon dilatation, 47% of primis and 50% of multis delivered within 12 hours.

The mean induction delivery interval in primigravida with PGE<sub>2</sub> gel was 11.7 hours. The mean induction delivery interval in primigravida with Foley's balloon dilatation was 13 hours.

The mean induction to delivery interval in multipara with PGE<sub>2</sub> gel was 9.9 hours. The mean induction delivery interval in multipara with Foley's balloon dilatation was 13.4 hours. The difference between the two groups is statistically significant.

According to Taani et al<sup>6</sup> time from induction to delivery interval shorter in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel compared to catheter group 42% delivered within 16 hours in catheter group and 61% delivered within 16 hours in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group.

### **Oxytocin augmentation**

The need for oxytocin augmentation to deliver was higher with Foley's balloon dilatation when compared to the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group. 78% of women in the Foley's balloon dilatation required oxytocin whereas only 36% of the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel required oxytocin.

According to studies by Taani et al<sup>6</sup>, S.Chua et al, 49% required oxytocin in catheter group, whereas only 20% required oxytocin in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group.

### **Mode of Delivery**

Delivery by labour natural was higher in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation group.

Caesarean section rate was higher in the Foley's balloon dilatation group when compared with the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group. 70% delivered by labour natural in PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group, 16% had forceps deliveries whereas in the Foley's balloon dilatation group only 56% had labour natural and 12% had forceps deliveries.

LSCS rate in Foley's balloon dilatation group was 32% when compared to the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group where it was only 14%. The difference in the mode of delivery is statistically significant.

### **Indication for Caesarean Delivery**

Fetal distress was the commonest indication for caesarean section in PGE<sub>2</sub> group whereas failed induction was the major indication for caesarean section in Foley's balloon dilatation group.

According to studies by Taani et al<sup>6</sup>, fetal distress was more frequent in the catheter group.

### **Fetal Outcome**

In the Foley's balloon dilatation group, 20% of neonates were admitted. The most common reason being respiratory distress.

In the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group, 10% of neonates got admitted in neonatal intensive care unit due to birth asphyxia or meconium aspiration mainly due to the hyper stimulation which occurred in some women induced.

### **Maternal Complications**

Intrapartum pyrexia and puerperal pyrexia were observed more in the Foley's balloon dilatation group due to prolonged labour whereas these complications were less in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group due to faster response to induction.

The incidence of postpartum hemorrhage was equal in both groups. Few were atonic which settled with uterotonic agents, other few were traumatic due to forceps deliveries which settled with suturing.

Hyperstimulation noted in 5 women who were induced with PGE<sub>2</sub> gel. They settled with changing them to left lateral position, plain fluids and nasal O<sub>2</sub>. These delivered labour natural with babies in good condition and good maternal outcome.

# SUMMARY

## **SUMMARY**

- a. Both PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group and Foley's balloon dilatation, induction was started with the same Bishop score of <5.
- b. Both groups had majority of the women being primigravida.
- c. Age group commonest in both groups being 20 – 24 years.
- d. Improvement in Bishop score was more in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared with the Foley's balloon dilatation group P value <0.05.
- e. Mean induction to labour interval was shorter in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel when compared to the Foley's balloon dilatation group P value <0.05.
- f. Mean induction to delivery interval was also shorter in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group when compared with Foley's balloon dilatation. P value <0.05.
- g. Mean induction to labour interval and mean induction to delivery interval were shorter in multigravida compared to primigravida in both groups of PGE<sub>2</sub> gel and Foley's balloon dilatation.
- h. Oxytocin for augmentation was higher in the Foley's balloon dilatation around 78% whereas the rate of usage of oxytocin for augmentation in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group was 36%.
- i. Mode of delivery being labour natural 76% for patients in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group where it was only 56% in the Foley's balloon dilatation group.

- j. Including the forceps deliveries, most patients in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group delivered vaginally.
- k. Caesarean section rate in Foley's balloon dilatation was higher 32% whereas it was only 14% in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group.
- l. Incidence of caesarean for the indication of failed induction was higher in the Foley's balloon dilatation group.
- m. Neonates admitted in neonatal intensive care unit were more in the Foley's balloon dilatation group.
- n. Hyper stimulation was more in the PGE<sub>2</sub> gel group whereas intrapartum and puerperal pyrexia were higher in the Foley's balloon dilatation group.
- o. PGE<sub>2</sub> gel was found to be more effective method of cervical ripening and induction of labour.

# **CONCLUSION**



## **CONCLUSION**

- ❖ Cervical ripening more effective with prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel application.
- ❖ Mean induction to active labour interval and mean induction to delivery interval were shorter with prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel instillation.
- ❖ Oxytocin augmentation was less with prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel instillation.
- ❖ Response of multis in both groups better than primis.
- ❖ Fetal and maternal outcome were better with prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel.
- ❖ From this study, it is known that prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub> gel is a better and more effective agent than Foley's balloon dilatation in cervical ripening and induction of labour.

# **ANNEXURE**

**❖BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**❖PROFORMA**

**❖MASTER CHART**

**❖ABBREVIATIONS**

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## **PROFORMA**

Name : Age :

I.P. No. : Unit :

**SOCIOECONOMIC STATUS** : Booked : Yes / No

**MENSTRUAL HISTORY** : Regular / Irregular

LMP EDD

**MARITAL HISTROY** : Married / Unmarried

**OBSTETRIC HISTORY** : G  P  A

Still Birth / Neonatal death

LCB

**PRESENT PREGNANCY** : Confirmed by : HCG

: Bimanual

: USG

### **PERSONAL HISTORY**

Smoker :

Alcoholic :

Mixed diet :

### **PREVIOUS OBSTETRIC HISTORY**

H/o Postdatism

PIH

**GENERAL EXAMINATION** :

Height :

Weight :

Anemia : Yes / No

Febrile : Yes / No

Edema : Yes / No

Temperature : CVS : RS :

**OBSTETRIC EXAMINATION**

Per Abdomen : Uterus size <37 weeks  
Term

Acting / Not acting

Presentation : Cephalic

Presenting Part : Unengaged / Mobile

**PELVIC EXAMINATION**

Cervical Effacement : 0  25  50 – 75    
100

Position : Anterior Middle Posterior

Consistency : Firm  Medium  Soft

Dilatation : 0  1 – 2  3 – 4  5 – 6

Station : –3  –2  –1, 0  +1

**BISHOP SCORE**

0 Hours  6 Hours  12 Hours  18 Hours

## **INVESTIGATIONS**

Urine : Albumin  Sugar  Deposit

CTG : Reactive  Non Reactive

USG : Singleton  Multiple

Vertex  Non Vertex

GA : <40  40 – 41  41 – 42

AFI : <5  5 – 10  >10

Placenta : FH

## **INDICATION FOR INDUCTION**

- Postdated
- Preeclampsia
- IUGR
- Oligohydramnios

## **MODE OF INDUCTION**

Prostaglandin E2 Gel :

Intracervical Foley's catheter :

Oxytocin : Used  Not used

## **WHETHER REINSTILLATION**

With Dinoprostone Gel Needed : Yes  No

## **INDUCTION TO ACTIVE LABOUR INTERVAL**

## **INDUCTION TO DELIVERY INTERVAL**

## **MONITORING INTRAPARTUM MATERNAL AND FETAL CONDITIONS**

**MATERNAL:** Temperature  PR  BP  Hydration

**FETAL:** FHR  Meconium

### **MODE OF DELIVERY**

Labour Natural :

Forceps :

Vacuum :

LSCS :

### **INDICATION FOR LSCS**

Failed Induction :

Fetal Distress :

CPD :

Others :

### **COMPLICATIONS DURING LABOUR**

#### **BABY DETAILS**

Weight :  Sex :

APGAR : 1 Min  5 Min

Admission : Yes / No

Preterm / Term / AGA / SGA / IUGR



## **COMPLICATIONS**

### **MATERNAL**

|                                  |   |          |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|
| ❖ Intrapartum –Maternal Distress | : | Yes / No |
| PPH                              | : | Yes / No |
| Pyrexia                          | : | Yes / No |
| ❖ Postpartum – Episiotomy wound  | : | Yes / No |
| Sepsis                           | : | Yes / No |
| Pyrexia                          | : | Yes / No |

**MASTER CHART**  
**PROSTAGLANDIN E2gel**

| S.No. | Name         | IP No. | Age | Gravida  | Uterine Size<br>(Weeks) | Indication<br>for Induction | Bishop Score<br>0 hrs | Bishop Score<br>6 hrs | Bishop Score<br>12 hrs | Bishop Score<br>18 hrs | Mode of<br>Induction | Whether<br>reinstilled |
|-------|--------------|--------|-----|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1     | 2            | 3      | 4   | 5        | 6                       | 7                           | 8                     | 9                     | 10                     | 11                     | 12                   | 13                     |
| 1     | Anjalai      | 8936   | 21  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | No                     |
| 2     | Selvarani    | 12534  | 22  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 2                     | 5                     | 8                      |                        | Dinoprostone         | No                     |
| 3     | Reeja        | 12821  | 29  | G2P1L1   | 40                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 9                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 4     | Maheshwari   | 12838  | 23  | Primi    | 38                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 2                     | 6                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | Yes                    |
| 5     | Karpagam     | 12842  | 22  | G2P1L1   | 41                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 10                    | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 6     | Chitra       | 12910  | 26  | Primi    | 41                      | Postdated                   | 1                     | 5                     | 11                     | -                      | Dinoprostone         | Yes                    |
| 7     | Gowri        | 9940   | 20  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 10                    | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 8     | Sumathy      | 9856   | 22  | Primi    | 41                      | Postdated                   | 2                     | 7                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 9     | Fathima      | 9948   | 27  | Primi    | 42                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | No                     |
| 10    | Kanchana     | 11251  | 27  | G3P2L2   | 40                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 3                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 11    | Ambika       | 11262  | 32  | Primi    | 40                      | I U G R                     | 4                     | 9                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 12    | Mumtaj       | 11264  | 18  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 13    | Banu         | 11278  | 19  | Primi    | 38                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 3                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 14    | Maragatham   | 11354  | 23  | G3P2L1   | 40                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 3                     | 10                    | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 15    | Sivasankari  | 11348  | 30  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 1                     | 4                     | 8                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | Yes                    |
| 16    | Susheela     | 11365  | 29  | Primi    | 40                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 1                     | 7                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 17    | Panjalai     | 11420  | 21  | Primi    | 41                      | Postdated                   | 2                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 18    | Jacqueles    | 11425  | 21  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 2                     | 5                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | Yes                    |
| 19    | Revathy      | 11438  | 18  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 8                     | 10                     | -                      | Dinoprostone         | Yes                    |
| 20    | Subbulakshmi | 11450  | 25  | Primi    | 40                      | I U G R                     | 1                     | 6                     | 9                      | 12                     | Dinoprostone         | Yes                    |
| 21    | Porkodi      | 12342  | 25  | G3P2L1   | 40                      | Oligohydramnios             | 3                     | 8                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 22    | Kamatchi     | 12346  | 28  | G3P2L1   | 40                      | Postdated                   | 3                     | 9                     | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 23    | Petrisha     | 12354  | 27  | Primi    | 41                      | Postdated                   | 4                     | 10                    | -                      | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 24    | Krishnaveni  | 12548  | 28  | G4P2L1A1 | 40                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 3                     | 8                     | 12                     | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |
| 25    | Saradevi     | 12460  | 27  | Primi    | 40                      | Postdated                   | 1                     | 8                     | 11                     | -                      | Dinoprostone         | -                      |

| S.No. | Oxytocin | Induction<br>Labour<br>interval (hrs) | Induction<br>Delivery<br>interval (hrs) | Method of<br>Delivery | Indication C/S   | Neonatal<br>outcome | Intrapartum<br>Maternal<br>Distress | I.P.<br>PPH | I.P.<br>Pyrexia | Episiotomy<br>wound Sepsis | Pyrexia |
|-------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------|
| 1     | 14       | 15                                    | 16                                      | 17                    | 18               | 19                  | 20                                  | 21          | 22              | 23                         | 24      |
| 1     | Yes      | 4                                     | 8                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 2     | Yes      | 6                                     | 11                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 3     | -        | 4                                     | 7                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 4     | -        | 7                                     | 11                                      | Forceps               | -                | adm                 | -                                   | Yes         | -               | -                          | -       |
| 5     | -        | 4.5                                   | 9                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 6     | Yes      | 7                                     | 13                                      | Forceps               | -                | Good                | Yes                                 | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 7     | -        | 4                                     | 7.5                                     | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 8     | -        | 4                                     | 8                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 9     | -        | 6                                     | 8                                       | LSCS                  | Fetal distress   | adm                 | -                                   | -           | Yes             | -                          | -       |
| 10    | -        | 4                                     | 7                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 11    | Yes      | 6                                     | 10                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 12    | -        | 5.5                                   | 7                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 13    | -        | 4                                     | 8                                       | Labour natural        | -                | adm                 | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 14    | -        | 5                                     | 7                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 15    | Yes      | 8                                     | 14                                      | Forceps               | -                | Good                | Yes                                 | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 16    | -        | 6.5                                   | 8.5                                     | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | Yes             | -                          | -       |
| 17    | -        | 6                                     | 11                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 18    | Yes      | 6                                     | 7                                       | LSCS                  | Failed induction | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 19    | Yes      | 5.5                                   | 13                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 20    | Yes      | 7.5                                   | 18                                      | LSCS                  | Fetal distress   | adm                 | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 21    | -        | 5                                     | 9.5                                     | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 22    | -        | 5.5                                   | 11                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 23    | -        | 3.5                                   | 8                                       | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 24    | -        | 5.5                                   | 12                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |
| 25    | -        | 5                                     | 13                                      | Labour natural        | -                | Good                | -                                   | -           | -               | -                          | -       |

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| S.No. | Name | IP No. | Age | Gravida | Uterine Size<br>(Weeks) | Indication<br>for Induction | Bishop Score<br>0 hrs | Bishop Score<br>6 hrs | Bishop Score<br>12 hrs | Bishop Score<br>18 hrs | Mode of<br>Induction | Whether<br>reinstilled |
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|----|--------------|-------|----|--------|----|-----------------|---|----|---|---|--------------|---|
| 26 | Jeya         | 12652 | 22 | Primi  | 40 | Postdated       | 2 | 6  | 8 | - | Dinoprostone | - |
| 27 | Hemavathy    | 12664 | 24 | G2P1L1 | 41 | Postdated       | 2 | 10 | - | - | Dinoprostone | - |
| 28 | Lakshmi      | 12722 | 23 | G3P2L2 | 40 | Pre-eclampsia   | 2 | 7  | - | - | Dinoprostone | - |
| 29 | Suryakala    | 12734 | 27 | G2P1L1 | 41 | Postdated       | 4 | 10 | - | - | Dinoprostone | - |
| 30 | Sethalakshmi | 12736 | 28 | G2P1L1 | 40 | Oligohydramnios | 3 | 9  | - | - | Dinoprostone | - |

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|-------|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----|
| 31    | Akilandam   | 12842                           | 22                                | Primi              | 40             | Postdated        | 3                             | 8        | -            | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 32    | Devi        | 12954                           | 22                                | Primi              | 40             | Postdated        | 2                             | 8        | 11           | -                       | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 33    | Sudha       | 13120                           | 28                                | Primi              | 38             | Oligohydramnios  | 1                             | 5        | 8            | -                       | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 34    | Annapoorani | 13124                           | 23                                | Primi              | 40             | Postdated        | 1                             | 5        | 12           | -                       | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 35    | Esther      | 13228                           | 21                                | Primi              | 40             | Postdated        | 2                             | 5        | 7            | 10                      | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 36    | Sulochana   | 13324                           | 30                                | Primi              | 40             | I U G R          | 2                             | 4        | 8            | 13                      | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 37    | Kumudha     | 13421                           | 22                                | Primi              | 41             | Postdated        | 2                             | 8        | -            | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 38    | Sahira      | 13524                           | 21                                | Primi              | 40             | Pre-eclampsia    | 2                             | 5        | 8            | -                       | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 39    | Gajalakshmi | 13628                           | 18                                | Primi              | 40             | Postdated        | 3                             | 8        | -            | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 40    | Nalini      | 13640                           | 24                                | Primi              | 41             | Postdated        | 2                             | 5        | 9            | 12                      | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 41    | Anjugam     | 13722                           | 18                                | Primi              | 40             | Pre-eclampsia    | 2                             | 8        | 12           | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 42    | Geetha      | 13685                           | 24                                | G2P1L1             | 40             | Postdated        | 2                             | 5        | 9            | -                       | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 43    | Kasthuri    | 13276                           | 21                                | Primi              | 41             | Postdated        | 2                             | 7        | 11           | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 44    | Malar       | 13323                           | 23                                | Primi              | 41             | Postdated        | 2                             | 7        | 10           | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 45    | Anandhi     | 13450                           | 18                                | G2P1L1             | 40             | Pre-eclampsia    | 2                             | 5        | 9            | 11                      | Dinoprostone | Yes |
| 46    | Ramani      | 13582                           | 24                                | Primi              | 38             | Oligohydramnios  | 2                             | 4        | 10           | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 47    | Rajinamary  | 14210                           | 22                                | Primi              | 40             | I U G R          | 2                             | 6        | 9            | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 48    | Saraswathi  | 13819                           | 24                                | G5P2L2A1           | 41             | Postdated        | 2                             | 9        | -            | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 49    | Sumithra    | 13920                           | 25                                | Primi              | 41             | Postdated        | 2                             | 6        | 11           | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| 50    | Lakshmi     | 13925                           | 20                                | Primi              | 40             | Postdated        | 3                             | 8        | 11           | -                       | Dinoprostone | -   |
| S.No. | Oxytocin    | Induction Labour interval (hrs) | Induction Delivery interval (hrs) | Method of Delivery | Indication C/S | Neonatal outcome | Intrapartum Maternal Distress | I.P. PPH | I.P. Pyrexia | Episiotomy wound Sepsis | Pyrexia      |     |
| 1     | 14          | 15                              | 16                                | 17                 | 18             | 19               | 20                            | 21       | 22           | 23                      | 24           |     |
| 26    | Yes         | 12                              | 13                                | Forceps            | -              | Good             | -                             | -        | -            | -                       | -            |     |
| 27    | -           | 4                               | 9                                 | Labour natural     | -              | Good             | -                             | -        | -            | -                       | -            |     |
| 28    | -           | 4                               | 8                                 | Labour natural     | -              | Good             | Yes                           | -        | -            | -                       | -            |     |
| 29    | -           | 4.5                             | 8                                 | Labour natural     | -              | Good             | -                             | -        | -            | -                       | -            |     |

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|----|-----|-----|------|----------------|------------------|------|-----|---|-----|-----|---|
| 30 | Yes | 6   | 9    | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 31 | Yes | 4.5 | 9    | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 32 | Yes | 5   | 13   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 33 | Yes | 6   | 14   | Forceps        | -                | Good | -   | - | Yes | Yes | - |
| 34 | Yes | 12  | 14   | Forceps        | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 35 | Yes | 10  | 18   | LSCS           | Failed induction | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 36 | -   | 7   | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 37 | -   | 6   | 11   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 38 | Yes | 8.5 | 13   | Forceps        | -                | adm  | Yes | - | -   | -   | - |
| 39 | -   | 5   | 11   | Forceps        | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 40 | Yes | 13  | 18   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 41 | Yes | 5   | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 42 | No  | 7.5 | 13.5 | L S C S        | Fetal distress   | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 43 | No  | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 44 | -   | 5.5 | 11   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 45 | Yes | 7.5 | 19   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 46 | -   | 10  | 19   | L S C S        | Fetal distress   | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 47 | Yes | 7   | 13   | LSCS           | Failed induction | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 48 | -   | 6   | 9    | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 49 | -   | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |
| 50 | -   | 6   | 11   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -   | - | -   | -   | - |

**MASTER CHART  
FOLEY's CATHETER**

| S.No. | Name    | IP No. | Age | Gravida | Uterine Size<br>(Weeks) | Indication<br>for Induction | Bishop Score<br>0 hrs | Bishop Score<br>6 hrs | Bishop Score<br>12 hrs | Bishop Score<br>18 hrs | Mode of<br>Induction | reinstilledWhether |
|-------|---------|--------|-----|---------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1     | 2       | 3      | 4   | 5       | 6                       | 7                           | 8                     | 9                     | 10                     | 11                     | 12                   | 13                 |
| 1     | Mythili | 10420  | 27  | G3P2L2  | 37                      | Pre-eclampsia               | 2                     | 6                     | 11                     | -                      | Foley's              | -                  |
| 2     | Marthal | 10526  | 26  | Primi   | 41                      | Postdated                   | 1                     | 4                     | 7                      | -                      | Foley's              | Yes                |



|       |              |                                 |                                   |                    |    |                 |                  |                               |          |              |                         |         |
|-------|--------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------|---------|
| 3     | Bhuvaneswari | 10530                           | 22                                | G2P1L1             | 41 | Postdated       | 3                | 8                             | 10       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 4     | Abirami      | 10532                           | 20                                | G2P2L1             | 41 | Postdated       | 2                | 7                             | 10       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 5     | Bharathy     | 10644                           | 22                                | Primi              | 41 | Pre-eclampsia   | 4                | 8                             | 12       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 6     | Saridha      | 10667                           | 20                                | G2P1L1             | 40 | Postdated       | 3                | 8                             | 11       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 7     | Malarvizhi   | 10642                           | 20                                | G3A2               | 40 | Postdated       | 3                | 6                             | 8        | 10           | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 8     | Aameena      | 10654                           | 24                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 2                | 6                             | 7        | 11           | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 9     | Lidiya       | 10720                           | 25                                | Primi              | 40 | Postdated       | 2                | 6                             | 9        | -            | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 10    | Sahithabegum | 10732                           | 24                                | G3P1L1A1           | 40 | I U G R         | 2                | 7                             | 10       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 11    | Ponni        | 10741                           | 22                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 0                | 4                             | 7        | 12           | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 12    | Gnanambigai  | 11748                           | 24                                | G2P1L1             | 37 | Oligohydramnios | 2                | 6                             | 10       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 13    | Kannagi      | 11824                           | 33                                | G3P1L1A1           | 41 | Postdated       | 2                | 7                             | 9        | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 14    | Reshnia      | 11842                           | 22                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 2                | 7                             | 9        | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 15    | Sujatha      | 11854                           | 20                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 3                | 4                             | 7        | -            | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 16    | Sundari      | 11862                           | 24                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 1                | 3                             | 3        | -            | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 17    | Reginamary   | 11878                           | 22                                | Primi              | 40 | Postdated       | 2                | 6                             | 9        | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 18    | Rameshwari   | 11940                           | 24                                | Primi              | 40 | Pre-eclampsia   | 1                | 5                             | 10       | -            | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 19    | Sumithra     | 11843                           | 25                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 3                | 6                             | 11       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 20    | Usha         | 11524                           | 27                                | Primi              | 42 | Postdated       | 3                | 4                             | 5        | -            | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 21    | Padmavathy   | 11548                           | 23                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 2                | 7                             | 10       | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| 22    | Sujana       | 11643                           | 20                                | Primi              | 41 | Postdated       | 2                | 3                             | 3        | -            | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 23    | Veeramani    | 11724                           | 20                                | Primi              | 40 | Postdated       | 3                | 4                             | 7        | 10           | Foley's                 | Yes     |
| 24    | Ambiga       | 11740                           | 23                                | Primi              | 40 | Pre-eclampsia   | 2                | 6                             | 9        | -            | Foley's                 | -       |
| S.No. | Oxytocin     | Induction Labour interval (hrs) | Induction Delivery interval (hrs) | Method of Delivery |    | Indication C/S  | Neonatal outcome | Intrapartum Maternal Distress | I.P. PPH | I.P. Pyrexia | Episiotomy wound Sepsis | Pyrexia |

| 1  | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17             | 18               | 19   | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
|----|-----|-----|------|----------------|------------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1  |     | 7.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 2  |     | 8   | 13   | Forceps        | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 3  |     | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 4  |     | 6   | 14   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 5  | Yes | 8   | 20   | Labour natural | -                | adm  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 6  |     | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 7  |     | 8   | 12   | Forceps        | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 8  |     | 7.5 | 14   | Labour natural | -                | adm  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 9  | Yes | 7   | 13   | LSCS           | CPD              | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 10 | Yes | 6   | 14   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 11 | Yes | 13  | 19   | LSCS           | CPD              | adm  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 12 | Yes | 7.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 13 | Yes | 6   | 14   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 14 | Yes | 6   | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 15 | Yes | 8   | 14   | LSCS           | Fetal distress   | adm  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 16 |     | 10  | 12   | LSCS           | Fetal distress   | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 17 | Yes | 7   | 13   | LSCS           | Failed Induction | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 18 | Yes | 8.5 | 11.5 | Forceps        | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 19 | Yes | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 20 | Yes | -   | 13   | LSCS           | Failed Induction | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 21 | Yes | 5.5 | 11   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |
| 22 |     | -   | 13.5 | LSCS           | Failed Induction | adm  | -  | -  | -  | -  | -  |

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| 23 | Yes | 10 | 19 | LSCS           | Failed Induction | adm  | - | - | - | Yes | - |
| 24 | Yes | 7  | 13 | Labour natural | -                | Good | - | - | - | -   | - |

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|-------|------|--------|-----|---------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
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| 1  | 2           | 3     | 4  | 5      | 6  | 7               | 8 | 9  | 10 | 11 | 12      | 13  |
|----|-------------|-------|----|--------|----|-----------------|---|----|----|----|---------|-----|
| 25 | Kokila      | 11824 | 21 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 1 | 5  | 10 | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 26 | Shanthi     | 11845 | 30 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 2 | 7  | 9  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 27 | Ramani      | 12241 | 25 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 2 | 7  | 10 | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 28 | Sofia       | 12342 | 21 | Primi  | 38 | Oligohydramnios | 2 | 6  | 9  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 29 | Vijaya      | 12454 | 21 | G2P1L1 | 41 | Postdated       | 2 | 6  | 9  | 11 | Foley's | -   |
| 30 | Amul        | 12528 | 22 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 3 | 6  | 7  | 11 | Foley's | -   |
| 31 | Mariammal   | 12532 | 22 | G2P1L1 | 40 | Postdated       | 2 | 5  | 9  | 11 | Foley's | -   |
| 32 | Meherjani   | 12544 | 28 | G2P1L1 | 38 | Pre-eclampsia   | 3 | 8  | 12 | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 33 | Inbarani    | 12546 | 22 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 3 | 6  | 8  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 34 | Rekha       | 13154 | 20 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 2 | 7  | 11 | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 35 | Varalakshmi | 13186 | 27 | Primi  | 40 | I U G R         | 2 | 4  | 8  | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 36 | Gayathri    | 13242 | 22 | Primi  | 40 | Postdated       | 1 | 4  | 5  | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 37 | Vasuki      | 13229 | 22 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 2 | 7  | 11 | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 38 | Vimala      | 13244 | 20 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 1 | 3  | 3  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 39 | Anandhi     | 13543 | 18 | G2A1   | 40 | Postdated       | 2 | 5  | 9  | 11 | Foley's | Yes |
| 40 | Geetha      | 14260 | 24 | G2P1L1 | 40 | Postdated       | 2 | 5  | 9  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 41 | Indira      | 13829 | 23 | Primi  | 38 | Pre-eclampsia   | 2 | 4  | 5  | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 42 | Kasthuri    | 13648 | 21 | Primi  | 40 | Postdated       | 2 | 7  | 11 | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 43 | Mangala     | 13313 | 19 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 1 | 4  | 9  | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 44 | Ajantha     | 13429 | 22 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 3 | 6  | 8  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 45 | Padmini     | 13526 | 25 | Primi  | 40 | Pre-eclampsia   | 2 | 7  | 11 | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 46 | Aria        | 13614 | 19 | Primi  | 40 | Postdated       | 3 | 8  | -  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 47 | Kalpana     | 13596 | 25 | Primi  | 41 | Postdated       | 1 | 6  | 9  | -  | Foley's | Yes |
| 48 | Nagammal    | 12985 | 30 | Primi  | 40 | I U G R         | 3 | 9  | -  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 49 | Banu        | 13425 | 23 | G2P1L1 | 40 | Postdated       | 3 | 10 | -  | -  | Foley's | -   |
| 50 | Yasodha     | 14210 | 24 | Primi  | 40 | Postdated       | 3 | 10 | -  | -  | Foley's | -   |

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| 1  | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17             | 18               | 19   | 20 | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  |
|----|-----|-----|------|----------------|------------------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 25 |     | 8.5 | 11.5 | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | Yes |
| 26 | Yes | 6.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 27 | Yes | 5.5 | 11   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 28 | Yes | 7   | 13   | LSCS           | Fetal distress   | adm  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 29 | Yes | 7.5 | 14   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 30 | Yes | 13  | 20   | LSCS           | Fetal distress   | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | Yes |
| 31 | Yes | 7.5 | 19   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | Yes | -   | -   | -   |
| 32 | Yes | 6   | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | Yes | -   | -   | -   |
| 33 | Yes | 13  | 20   | LSCS           | Fetal distress   | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 34 | Yes | 5.5 | 13   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 35 | Yes | 11  | 13   | LSCS           | Fetal distress   | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 36 | Yes | 9   | 9    | LSCS           | CPD              | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 37 | Yes | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 38 | Yes | -   | 9    | LSCS           | Failed Induction | adm  | -  | -   | Yes | -   | -   |
| 39 | Yes | 7.5 | 19   | Forceps        | -                | Good | -  | Yes | -   | Yes | -   |
| 40 | Yes | 7.5 | 13.5 | Forceps        | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 41 | Yes | -   | 13   | LSCS           | Failed Induction | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 42 | Yes | 5.5 | 12   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 43 |     | 8.5 | 13.5 | LSCS           | Failed Induction | adm  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 44 | Yes | 9   | 10   | Forceps        | -                | adm  | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 45 | Yes | 5.5 | 11   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 46 | Yes | 4   | 7.5  | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 47 | Yes | 5   | 14   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |
| 48 | Yes | 5   | 10   | Labour natural | -                | Good | -  | -   | -   | -   | -   |

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| 49 | Yes | 4.5 | 8.5 | Labour natural | - | Good | - | - | - | - | - |
| 50 | Yes | 4   | 10  | Labour natural | - | Good | - | - | - | - | - |

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

|       |   |                                 |
|-------|---|---------------------------------|
| GDM   | : | Gestational Diabetes Mellitus   |
| PROM  | : | Prelabour rupture of membranes  |
| ATP   | : | Adenosine triphosphate          |
| HIV   | : | Human Immuno Deficiency virus   |
| IUGR  | : | Intrauterine growth restriction |
| CPD   | : | Cephalo pelvic disproportion    |
| NICU  | : | Neonatal intensive care unit    |
| LCB   | : | Last child birth                |
| LMP   | : | Last Menstrual Period           |
| EDD   | : | Expected date of delivery       |
| HCG   | : | Human chorionic gonadotrophin   |
| USG   | : | Ultrasonogram                   |
| PIH   | : | Pregnancy induced hypertension  |
| LSCS  | : | Lower Segment Caesarean Section |
| PPH   | : | Post partum hemorrhage          |
| Primi | : | Primigravida                    |
| G     | : | Gravida                         |
| P     | : | Para                            |
| L     | : | Live birth                      |
| A     | : | Abortion                        |
| C/S   | : | Caesarean section.              |